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Blair under siege over secret deal to accept nuclear waste from former Soviet Union

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WASTE and fraud are costing the distall brange juice to the EU are 30-month limit on the £29m beef reached the human food chain.

European Union £30m every year three times the size of Israel's orange marketing payments scheme.

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Sir John Roman head of the Na. Scheme for bowing spongiform en-

the exposs that Sir John reports are: a cisors qualified for aid, but 1,700 of to ensure that the meat was properly including Britain, was lost because opportunity to encourage remedial

me failed to take account of world market price changes. ■ Tobacco subsidies cost £760m in

1996 - more than five times the market value of the crop. With aid amounting to £5,000 per hectare plus £4,000 for every job, it would be cheaper to pay income support to the growers.

Half a million pounds in antidumping duties on videos imported

Car radios imported from Inthe tune of £2.2bn because a com-South Korea, Large sums in customs

In his own report on the EU Court of Auditors' findings, Sir John draws attention to a number of ongoing schemes designed to cut fraud and waste, and says the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, chaired a discussion discussions are to be held in May. the money. It's much worse when the

Last night, John Redwood, the ■ Arable farmers were overpaid to donesia had invalid certificates of ori- Conservative trade and industry spokesman, congratulated the Eu- agenda" to deal with fraud and ropean Court of Auditors for re- waste in the EU. When the auditors

ing a tightening up in the worst performing countries, as British taxpayers have to foot a big chunk made payments that are too big, at of the problem last month. Further least it is the British people getting

The Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Helen Liddell, has already promised to push forward "an active produced their report last Novem-"The British should be demand- ber, she described it as "disturbing reading". "But it is also a useful tool in the UK's fight against fraud and mismanagement in the community of the bill. If they have mistakenly budget. This report highlights the good sense of the Government in making fighting fraud a key priority of our presidency," she said.

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Questions raised over McCartney's death

QUESTIONS over the cir- per: "When you can't get an ancomstances of Linda McCartnight after her linsband was sisted suicide or some other ly as last Tuesday about funeral forced to deny reports that her thing going on ... death had been "assisted" and it was claimed she had not died

in California in a series of extraordinary developments Sir Paul Mc-Cartney's spokesman; Geoff Baker, first issued a statement saying Any suggestion that her death was assisted is com-

Santa Barbara was investigating ceremony a possible assisted death Asspol a possible assisted death an epokesman refused to came as it was revealed they had comment, but other funeral tificate, fire days after her death - Brings had carried out the crefrom secondary cancer.

Sgt Tim Nelson told a local paswer if does present those issues, the possibility of an as-

However, after Mr Baker was another development when is was claimed Lady McCartney had actually died and been cremated 600 miles to the southeast in Tucson, Arizona, close

in the McCartney's ranch. Locals in the desert city said plete and absolute rubbish, a to it was an open secret she tal nonsense. Reports that the coroner in rium and cremated in a discreet

still not received a death cer- businesses said they believed mation at the crematorium lo-

The Santa Barbara coroner cated about 30 miles from the

Wolfrey Peace Chapel, in Tucson, said they had contacted the McCartney family as ear-

A spokesman said: We had issued his statement, there spoke to the family and Linda's hospice worker last week and she told us the family were trying to work out arrangements marsh, East Sussex. for Linda on the Tuesday before she passed away.

We offered our services

but the family said they had already chosen one funeral home in the area." If the rock star's wife had died in Arizona it would explain the absence of a death certifi-

cate in California. After her death, Sir Paul brought his wife's ashes back to Britain where they were scat-



Linda: The coroner is still waiting for death certificate

tered on their farm in Peas-

On Tuesday Sir Paul issued a statement saying he had been with his wife of 29 years when she passed away. He said she had passed away quickly and with little discomfort "surrounded by her loved ones".

He said: "The kids and were there when she crossed over. They each were able to tell her how much they loved her." Mr Baker was last night un-

able to comment.

1990s the hottest decade in 600 years

By Charles Arthur Science and Technology Editor

THE WORLD is hotter than it has been at any time in the past 600 years, increasing the likelihood that global warming is man-made, according to American and British scientists.

An enormously detailed examination of data from tree rings, coral growth, historical evidence, polar-ice cores and long-standing records, shows that the northern hemisphere has never been warmer on average since the 1400s, according to researchers at the turies". University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the University of

Arizona, Tucson. "Mean annual temperatures for three of the past eight years [1990, 1995 and 1997] are warmer than any other year since at least 1400," said Professor Michael Mann, who led space.

the research, which is published today in the journal

Commenting on the work, Philip Jones, at the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia, said: "The data shows that the most dramatic change in temperature has come in the 20th century: it's higher than in the past six centuries."

Although the study does not offer a direct indication of what is causing global warming, Dr Jones said that it "rules out the probability that there were dramatic changes in those six cen-

"Greenhouse" gases such as carbon dioxide, produced by burning fossil fuels since the Industrial Revolution, are generally blamed for global warming. Such gases trap more of the Earth's heat in the atmosphere instead of letting it escape into

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French fans cash in on World Cup phone-line chaos

AS REGIBALL fans around busine bombarded a single tejephone number in Paris with millions of calls for extra World Con-nickets yesterday, it cineraci that French support-cisinese still being given the pe so buy the lion's share

ablai of 15 million calls made from Britain alone dans uped to buy some of the (0) scats for first- and diring matches. Howthe vast majority of the

calls did not even get routed through to France because British Telecom limited the number of lines allocated to the number in order not to overload the system and dog up lines

across the Channel. . The tickets, which went on sale at 7am on a first-come firstserved basis, had originally been earmarked exclusively for French supporters, but were made available by the French World Cup organisers (CFO) after the European Commission

law. However, of an estimated 20 million phone calls which made it through to Paris yesterday, 75 per cent were made in France. Those routed from the 17 other European countries entitled to apply for seats total. Moreover, of the 90 operators handling the calls, 30.

their own. Professor Howard Williams, telecommunications expert

call from the United Kingdom being successfully answered were estimated at two million to one. "It's slightly better than the National Lottery," he said.

Four million calls were made amounted to just 25 per cent in to the hotline from Britain in the first hour alone, but a British Telecom spokesman said only were dedicated to dealing with 350,000 of them were routed to French customers, who also France A CFO spokeswoman said the hotline system was have an extra ticket line of working very well", despite the fact that some callers managed to get through to the hot-

said the chances of any single found themselves cut off after a few minutes. A Football Supporters' As-

sociation spokeswoman said the hotline amounted to nothing more than a public relations ercise by the CFO. "I don't think they have any

interest in getting the tickets to the fans who really want them. I don't think [the hotline] is going to make a lot of difference to most fans." The hotline will remain open from 7am to 7pm BST until week today, but will be closed on Sunday. The number is 00 33 1 49875354.

Today's news National park plan

The New Forest should have national park status, says the Government's advisory body Page 9 on landscape.

Tobacco ban A ban on tobacco advertising

and sponsorship throughout the EU has been backed by Brussels MEPs.



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Recycled paper made up 41.4% of the raw material for UK newspapers in the first half of 1997.

Concern grows among Labour MPs about secret reprocessing deal to ship uranium from Georgia, report Colin Brown and Charles Arthur

Nuclear decision excluded Cabinet

with President Bill Clinton for we are ready to go," Ray Nel-Britain to take a shipment of son, told BBC radio. enriched uranium from the former Soviet republic of Georgia was approved without a meeting of the Cabinet, it emerged last night.

The deal was agreed in correspondence by members of a Cabinet sub-committee, but the Prime Minister's official spokesman confirmed that the ministerial approval was given without a meeting.

Although there was a show of support in the Commons for Britain's move, the effective rubber-stamping of the deal by Cabinet ministers will beighten the concern among some Labour MPs at the way the highly controversial secret nuclear deal was handled by the Government.

As more details of the deal - concluded in February after seven months' discussion with the United States - became public, the director of the Dounreay reprocessing plant in Scotland admitted that it will be at least two years before some of the nuclear fuel can be dealt with.

"Before we are in a position to reprocess that material we will have to make a safety case and prove to the Nuclear In-

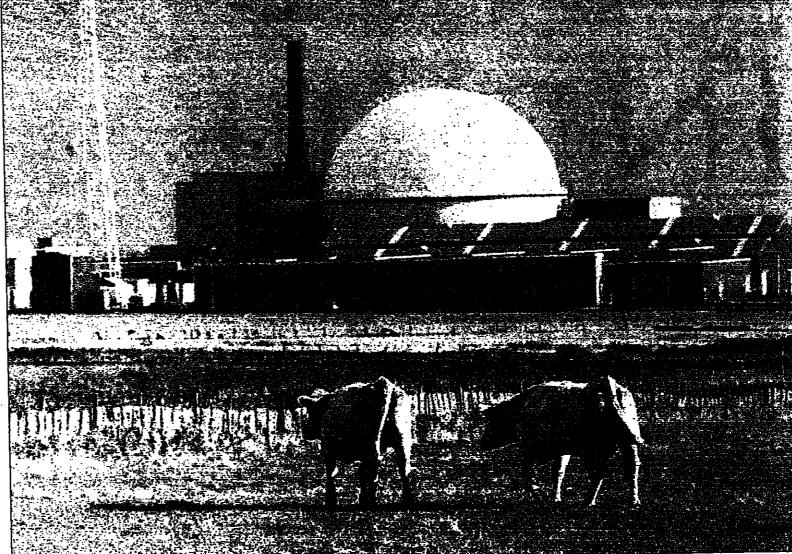
TONY BLAIR'S secret deal stallations inspectorate that

The radioactive shipment is expected to arrive later this week at Wick Airport, about 30 miles from the plant, though government sources refused to name the date on security

Downing Street insisted that it is a "one-off" shipment, but the Government faced backbench demands for a Kyotostyle environmental summit to agree international action for dealing with the nuclear waste from the former Soviet Union.

"This a major environmental issue facing Europe and no one is openly prepared to discuss it vet. There are 17 other nuclear power stations in East-West corridor and this could happen again. It is a nuclear nightmare staring us in the face," said Alan Simpson, a leader of the left-wing Campaign Group of Labour

Environmental protesters from Greenpeace draped a banner across the gates leading to Downing Street in protest at the decision to accept the shipment - although another campaigner. Lorraine Mann. convener of Scotland Against



sing plant in Scotland, where the shipment of uranium from the former Soviet republic of Georgia is due to arrive this week

Nuclear Dumping, seemed to accept the Government line She said: "We may not be

happy about it coming here but morally we cannot say Ah yes. but it should go somewhere

In the Commons, Tory MPs accused the Government of showing "complacency" about the widespread public concern

tion Time, Mr Blair took the lead in strongly defending the already in Britain. The decision decision to take the shipment. which was first agreed with the US in July, last year, and discussed at the meeting with Mr Clinton in Washington in

MPs that the recycled waste taken some 137kg from Iraq

over the shipment. But at Ques- would add only two barrels to a stockpile of 14,000 barrels was taken to avoid any threat of the uranium falling into the hands of rebels in Georgia, he said. "The US has already taken some 350kg of highly enriched uranium from The Prime Minister told Kazakhstan and Russia has

since the Gulf War," he said. Mr Blair stressed that other European countries were making contributions to the project. "That is the reason why we thought it was important to . do what we did." Britain had followed en-

tirely the normal rules for transportation for civil nuclear fuel. he added. Accusations of "secrecy over the deal were exaggerated, he said. The Government had al-

ready prepared its draft parliamentary reply on the matter, but was overtaken by the leaking of the story two days ago.
"We will give full details the moment the transportation has occurred," Mr Blair promised.

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Deadly legacy that must be made safe

By Charles Arthur

Science and Technology Editor

THE FIVE or so kilograms of nuclear material from Georgia is the tip of what is potentially a very large iceberg. There are 36 similar "research reactors" to the one now being decommissioned by American experts, dotted all over the former Soviet Union, and making each safe will pose its own particular set of

Though diplomatic sources have for the past two days stressed their wormight be stolen and sold or smuggled to the Middle East, the risk posed by the nuclear materials is greater to the nearby population, given the straitened

many of the republics.

Sky News yesterday showed frightening film footage of people with radiation burns from exposure to the fuel rods, which are now kept underwater because to expose them would spray anyone in the vicinity with a lethal dose instantly. But because the storage facility is so short of funds, it is renting some of its space out as a store for fertiliser and foodstuffs.

the fuel rods is not impossible, the greatest risk they pose is to the local p lation. If criminals did somehow steal the rods, they would be more likely to kill themselves and pollute the immediate environment, including the

financial circumstances of science in groundwater table, than get anywhere near constructing a bomb

Nevertheless, the Georgia shipment is just the latest in a long-running diplomatic effort to "mop up" such reactors where their contents could be at risk. According to the World Nuclear Industry Handbook, from Nuclear Engineering International magazine, there are research reactors in Belarus (1), Georgia (1), Kazakhstan (4), Latvia (1), Russia (27), Ukraine (2) and Uzbekistan (1). Though a terrorist mission to steal They vary in size, with potential output powers varying from a few hundred watts up to 60 kilowatts. The Georgia facility, when it was open, had a theoretical output of 5 kilowatts, though it

was not used for electricity production. There are many more of the

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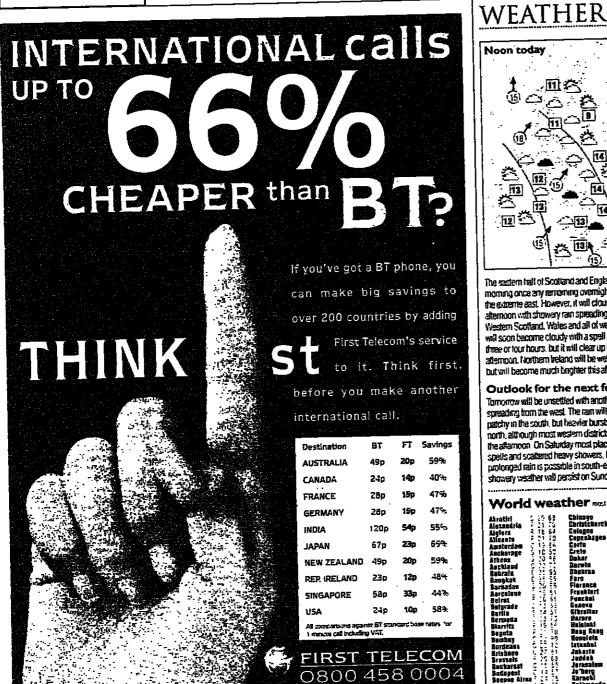
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"RBMK" nuclear reactors still in use throughout the former Soviet Union, to generate electricity. In these, graphite is used to control the nuclear reaction: it was one such facility which went so disastrously wrong at Chernobyl in 1986.

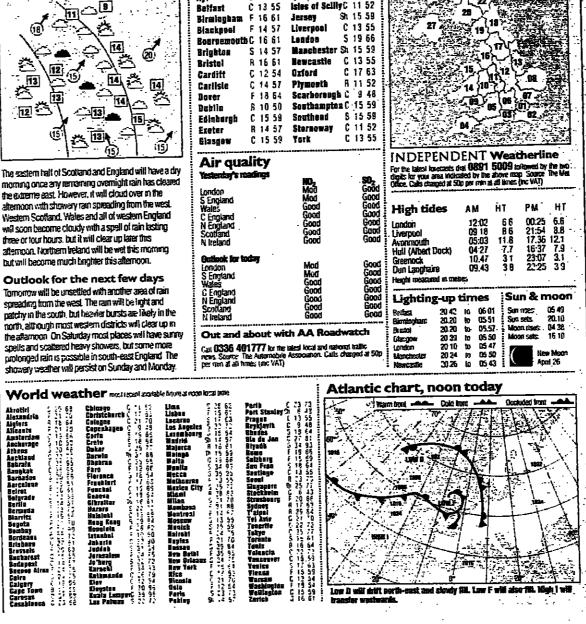
The 37 research reactors, by contrast, are water-cooled, and in theory less likely to go out of control. Most are still operational: only those in Belarus and Georgia, and 7 of those in Russia, have been shut down or decommissioned.

With the costs of decommissioning too high to be borne by the local goveruments, the current controversy over last in which countries like Britain, the US, France, Germany and Canada





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MICHAEL HANLON WEATHER WISE

CHILDREN in Britain get a raw deal when it comes to holidays. Especially the summer holidays. For a start, they get less of them. While their Continental and Irish chums as a rule get a whacking three months, from the beginning of June to the end of August, British kids have to put up with a miserly six weeks.

If that wasn't bad enough, those six weeks - from the last week in July to the first week in September - are probably some of the worst weeks in the season for children on holiday, who look forward to dry, warm and sunny days off school.

November and December are, on average, the wettest months of the year. which is not unexpected. More surprisingly. August is not far behind in the rain stakes. In Edinburgh, August and July are more than twice as rainy as April and May. May is also the driest month in the Highlands (and no midges either), while June records consistently lower rainfall than August across the whole country. September and October too, are often drier than late summer.

The figures are backed up by anecdotal evidence. Children and university students all have memories of revision and exams being undertaken in roasting classrooms in June, the school gates opening a few weeks later, and the heavens opening a few days after that.

Similarly, the cretinously timed August Bank Holiday is nearly always a wash-out, yet September is often the finest month of the year. Clearly things need to be moved. A six-week holiday running from, say, the second week in May through to the beginning of July would give children a better chance of enjoying a proper summer holiday. So would two three-week breaks - one in late May/early June, the other in September. But, like a move to permanent daylight-saving time, the idea is far too sensible to have any chance of success.

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Blockade in Calais strands **UK** lorries

HUNDREDS OF British lorry drivers last night remained stranded on either side of the cost British hauliers £500,000 Channel after French seamen voted to extend indefinitely the dispute that has closed

A meeting of about 100 immobilised the port, rejected suggestions that they lift the

Last night, negotiations between SeaFrance and the Française Démocratique du union spokesman said: Nothing has changed at the moment and it looks as if the strike will not be over tonight.

Management will have to give way or this strike will continue indefinitely. We are sorthis is the only way to express our grievances."

The ostensible cause of the was cancelled by the French authorities after he was found guilty of a criminal offence. The pay rises, better working con- workers have their government ditions and an increase in the backing them and I'm sure they number of staff on board the:

The union says that the local dispute, which has not af- British government doing somefected other ports, is the "drop thing about this: Every time we of water" that has caused the accome to France there is a strike cumulated anger from a series and we are the victims. of other disputes to "overflow"

months found themselves and freight traffic.

the Road Hanlage Association, said that the strike had already

The situation is totally untenable. Once again our mem-bers and their livelihoods are being placed at risk in a dispute sailors aboard one of the four in which they have no involvevessels in the harbour that have ment," Mr Hodges said. "We cannot have a situation where British hauliers continue to be made the whipping boys for every individual grievance."

Geoff Dossetter, of the CFDT union (Confédération Freight Transport Association, added: "Once again a strike by Travail, were continuing, but a French workers has resulted in major inconvenience and financial costs to the British transport industry. For a major port like Calais, the frequency of these sort of incidents has become a farce."

This view was echoed by lorry that lorry drivers are stuck but ry drivers who had been stranded by the action and were yesterday evening facing another night at the port or on the dispute is the dismissal of a- M20 motorway in Kent where sailor, whose navigation licence they queued for sailings to the Belgian ports of Ostend and

Driver Billy Giles, who owns seamen are also demanding his own long, said: "The French will get what they want from this "What I want to see is the

. The strike began on Monday

when the sailors seized four This is of little comfort to the SeaFrance ferries and mahundreds of British lotry drivers - no envired them in a position to who for the third time in six block all cross-Channel ferry



I will insist when I come to Covent Garden to sing next time that the prices will be kept as low as possible': Domingo in London yesterday

Golden tenor sings loudly for affordable opera

IN THE NEWS

PLACIDO

he would insist on prices being as low as possible next time he sings at Traviata in Baden Baden in June Covent Garden, writes David Lister.

One of the many reasons that the in the past has been an appearance by, well, Placido Domingo. As with on cheaper tickets. "I will insist when that of his fellow Three Tenors stars I come to Covent Garden to sing next Luciano Pavarotti and Jose Carreras, Domingo's presence is enough for as possible," he said. The 57-year-old Covent Garden to know it can charge star - who 16 months ago celebrated £275 for the best seats, capitalising 25 years of working at the Royal Opera on the rarity and exclusivity of a performance by the singer.

This is exactly what happened last year when Domingo, appearing in Die Walküre, attracted the same range of prices as a special gala evening. It is the aura of a performance by Domingo that attracts premium ticket prices, not the fees he charges, though at around £20,000 a performance, these are considerably higher than the vast majority of

Yesterday Domingo was in Lon-

THERE was an irony in Placido don to publicise an appearance with Domingo's statement yesterday that the Royal Opera, not as a singer this time but as conductor, conducting La

He took the opportunity on the Radio 4 Today programme to say that his Royal Opera has hiked up its prices return to Covent Garden, when it reopens next year, would be dependent time that the prices will be kept as low -said: "It isn't my fault. I don't make

DOMINGO ON WOMEN Women, of course I like it. I am a real man. In the music world many important positions are given to women and it is a lot more difficult to say 'No' when a smiling girl is in charge of the orchestra. You see the nice smile, a beautiful pair of eyes talking to you and everything you do

DOMINGO £1 more. It's a pity, because the pub-

the opera because it is too expensive." In fact Domingo is knocking at an increasingly open door. The new chairman of the Royal Opera House, Sir Colin Southgate, is determined to change its pricing structure. No firm

"We spend as much time as we can together. In all the time we've been married there has not been one day that I have not been with Marta, or not called her."

ON HIS WIFE

ON RETIREMENT "I will be 60 in 2001, so perhaps

that is an appropriate age to stop. Perhaps 65, I don't know. If I am still in good shape and can man locations the libretto specifies.

decision has yet been made, but there weeks of the renovated house. There should be changes to the structure of last year where most performances ranged from £4 to £110 and from £13.50 to £275 for galas and Domingo or Pavarotti performances.

It is anticipated that a new structure will see the bulk of seats at a midlic suffers. The public can't come to dle price of around £50 with a sizeable section of cheap seats at below £10 and £125 plus for the best seats which often go to corporate customers. It is also highly likely that when the re-opening programme is announced, Placido Domingo will be singing in the first

sing another four or five years at

60, I will. But you have to leave the

people wanting, wishing for more,

not saying, 'My God, is he still

singing? When is he going?""

ULTIMATE PERFORMANCE

In 1992 Placido Domingo starred in a

£4 million TV performance of Pucci-

ni's Tosco at the times and in the Ro-

Domingo has a repertoire of more than 90 roles compared to the two dozen of Pavarotti and gives about 70 operatic performances a year, plus about 12 concerts. He still sees his voice as something

is probably no better loved figure at

Covent Garden - even if Pavarotti fans

might contest that statement. Domin-

go's association with Covent Garden

has been a more regular one than his

great rival's; and his commitment to

public access has meant that in the past

he has argued hard for big-screen relays of his performances in the Covent

Garden piazza.

apart from himself, "It is both separate from me and depends on me. It is my instrument but it lives with me and is affected by every little thing I do with my body," he says.

Every night he says a prayer to St Cecilia, the saint of music and St Blaise, the saint of throats. He adds: "I also makes sure that on St Blaise saint's day I make a cross with candles around my throat and make a special benediction."

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Organist fired in row over Westminster Abbey cash

WESTMINSTER Abbey's long-serving organist and choirmaster was dismissed vesterday after an investigation into the management of money owned by the Abbey's music department. He refutes the allegations and intends to appeal directly: to the Queen. . .:

Martin Neary and his wife, Penelope, who was his assistant, were sent letters of dismissal after a meeting attended by the Abbey's Dean, the Very Rev Dr Wesley Carr, the four canons of Westminster and the Receiver-General Dr Carr said the decision followed investigations which showed the Nearys had set up a company last April to handle choir contracts and appearances without informing. the Abbey authorities.

The existence and activities of Neary Music Ltd only came to light when the Abbey auditor made inquiries about income and expenditure relating to choir tours, concerts and deny they sought to conceal the

said: "Dr and Mrs Neary took -honesty. Dr Neary, 58, who advantage of his position ... to has been Abbey organist for the come under the authority of the further their own financial gain. past 10 years and is president of Church of England or the Bish- events," read part of the statealthough it was possible the the Royal College of Organists, op of London It is understood ment from Westminster Abbey.



process would deprive others was decorated by the Queen for (the lay vicars and choristers) of his musical direction at the fuincome "

The Nearys "absolutely enstence of the company or that A statement from Dr Carr. they acted with any lack of

neral of Diana, Princess of Wales. He is entitled to - and intends to - appeal to the Queen in her capacity as the Visitor of the Abbey. Being a "royal peculiar", the Abbey does not

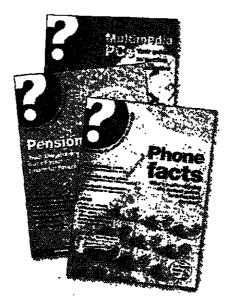
any such appeal would be beard on the Queen's behalf by the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg. Mrs Neary will be appealing to the canons.

Dr Carr has been criticised for the way he handled the disnute Frank Field Minister for Welfare Reform and a former member of the General Synod, has accused him of being a "bulhy", of setting up a "kangaroo court" and behaving like "a tinpot dictator".

Dr Carr acknowledged that yesterday's decision was unusual. The last time any appeal was heard on behalf of the Queen following a decision by the Dean and Chapter at the Abbey was in 1949. Then it concerned a constitutional issue.

The inquiry into Neary Music Ltd found Mrs Neary was the the sole director and Dr Neary the company secretary. The company was used to handle monies for the Abbey choir's Oslo tour and concerts at the Barbican and National Gallery last year. "The company was found to have paid a dividend of £1,500 to Mrs Neary and to the bank account for abbey

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Father Ted's funeral provokes Catholic ire

By Alan Murdoch in Dublin -

PRIESTS who conducted the funeral services for Dermot Ted in the Channel 4 television errors intense dislike of the series - were last night attacked by a Catholic magazine which

he was paptised.". Morgan died suddenly of a heart attack two months ago af- him as less than a friend." ter completing the final series of

an eye for an eye" to the urging of the Lord's Prayer to forgive those who trespass against us, accused Morgan of "evinc-Morgan - who played Father ing an unmistakable and vocil-Catholic Church".

At added: "In the light of his accused the actor of antipathy life, the farewell should have towards the Church into which been more distinctly low key, consistent with the truth of (the Catholic Church's] estimate of

The writer of the article, Father Ted, the surreal comedy William Desmond, said that fuabout three errant Irish priests nerals were the Church's "com-

sue of The Pioneer, preferring himself would hardly have denied sinning.

The magazine, published by the Catholic-leaning Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, complained that Morgan's sendoff risked adding to "the moral confusion by which people are increasingly beset".

Father Michael Paul Gallagher, who officiated at the funeral, said it was for the benefit of the bereaved. The late comedian had been his friend for 27 years, and he accepted some of Morgan's saure was "prickly" towards clergy, a piece of unbanished to a remote island. mendation of a sinner to the derstatement akin to calling The editorial in the May is Lord's mercy". But Morgan thermo-nuclear war a bit warm.

Pather Gallagher helped nurture Morgan's Craggy Island depiction of the priesthood's wilder fringes. Teaching the young comedian at University College Dublin, he lent him his dog-collar so he could terrify newly arrived first year students with an annual "welcome" address in the guise of a deranged senior cleric-professor.

of the Church would have been

even harsher had the merciless

Irish radio satire Scrap Saturday

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Europe set to outlaw tobacco advertising

By Jeremy Laurance

A BAN on tobacco advertising and sponsorship throughout the European Union was backed overwhelmingly yesterday by a committee of MEPs.

The decision increases the likelihood that the the full European Parliament will endorse the ban when it meets in the week beginning 11 May - ushering in the first Europe-wide legislation of its kind.

The ban would mean that all poster advertising for tobacco would disappear within three years, achiertising in newspapers and magazines would be phased out within four years and sponsorship deals would go within five years with the exception of world-level sports such as Formula One which would be given eight years.

By 2006, no tobacco advertising would be allowed anywhere in the EU except inside tobacconist shops and in specialist tobacco magazines.

In the UK most advertising and sponsorship is expected to disappear by 2000 if the ban is passed. A draft law has been prepared in anticipation of the European legislation.

Yesterday's decision by the European Parliament's environment and consumer affairs committee effectively rebuffed opponents of the proposed new law who argued the ban would intringe the right to freedom of

In London, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health described the decision as "a verysignificant step forward".

The ban was hammered out by health ministers of the member states last December, but a series of objections and sought to have the proposals amended in the hope that this would string out the process and cause it to fail. Last week, the European Parliament's legal affairs committee declared the measure illegal.

However, the environment committee, to which the legal affairs committee reports, rejected this interpretation and backed the new law by 37 votes to 6. Although the full parliament will have a chance to amend the measure in May, the size of the margin makes it more likely that it will be passed.

John Carlisle, of the Tobacco Manufacturers Association. said the measure was "ill conceived" and said global experience had shown that an advertising ban would be "totally ineffective" in meeting the EU's health policy aims.

Clive Bates, director of Action on Smoking and Health. described the decision as a milestone, and he added: "We are delighted. This is what we've been pushing for.

"The message we've been sending out is that this directive may not be perfect, but it's far better than anything that bas gone before.

Our big fear was that MEPs friendly to the tobacco industry would propose [wrecking] amendments... I gather 70 amendments were put down. but they were rejected."

Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, welcomed the committee's decision. "This is a significant reaffirmation of the widespread support for our proposals for European-wide action to phase out tobacco advertising, with appropriate time made available for sport to find alternative sources of revenue."



Girl power: A female recruit at the Army's training centre at Pirbright, Surrey, yesterday undergoing fitness tests designed to give women a better chance of being accepted. The rigour of tests will also be matched to the jobs youngsters want - be it Paratrooper or electrician

'Hysteria' warning on paedophiles

PUBLIC "hysteria" about the freed child-killer Sidney Cooke s putting children at risk, probation chiefs warned tonight. Parents in Somerset who

had stopped taking their children to school because they feared Cooke was held in a nearby police station "seem to be parting ways with rationality", said Gill Mackenzie, vicechairman of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation.

> "The public reaction is very. very understandable but the way the reaction is going now it's actually getting in the way of the best interests of children.

> keeping kids out of school be-

"Children's anxieties are being unnecessarily raised by

cause somebody is in police custody." On BBC2's Newsnight parents said they were keeping children away from school because they were worried about Cooke.

He is believed to be in either Yeovil or Bridgnorth police station, and protesters have staged demonstrations outside both. "The public will say he could walk out at any time, but I can't imagine he would and if he did the police would respond appropriately," said Ms Mackenzie, chief probation officer for Gloucestershire.

"I'm worried about the effect on children - I'm worried about the effect from paedophiles but I'm also worried

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about this contrary backlash on them and all the constant anxiety that's been generated."

Ms Mackenzie added: "Public concern about protecting their children is wholly legitimate and I would like there to be more sensible discussion in the media about how parents can sensibly protect their children. But some pockets seem to be parting ways with rationality and whipping themselves up into hysteria, which can't be good for children, and can't be good for close supervision of sex offenders. There seems to be a desire in many sex offenders to

run away and go underground." She said the answer to public concern lay in continued very close supervision of the very few dangerous sex offenders released from prison. "There's tagging, there are TV cameras, there's both human and

mechanical paraphernalia." Under last year's Sex Offenders Act paedophiles have to register with police and if they disappear, the public can

be warned, Ms Mackenzie said. She also warned about cases of mistaken identity where vigilantes had attacked elderly men in the belief they were Cooke. A recent incident in Manchester involving an old man who moved on to a housing estate caused particular.

concern, she said. Cooke, 71, was released from prison on April 6 after serving time years of a 16-year sentence for the manshaghter

After spending 11 days in a London police station he was transferred to Avon and Somerset police after asking to move to Bristol. The police have confirmed they are holding him while a permanent home is found for him.

Police and probation officials met yesterday in Bristol to try to decide what to do with him but no statement was expected on his future. Though technically free, he has agreed to be supervised by the probation service and to be electronically tagged.

lab set to spare animals the cut

By Andrew Yates

DOG and car lovers who shudder at the thought of having to take their four-legged companions to the vet to have them neutered may not have to worry much longer. A new vaccine is being developed which will atlow cats and dogs to be sterilised using a simple injection without the need for an operation. Not only could the injection be used to neuter both female and male animals but it would be re-

The vaccine works by lowering levels of testosterone, and the potential market for the treatment is huge. Last year, 15 million domestic animals were nentered in the US alone.

The treatment is initially being developed for cars and dogs, but could eventually be used to sterilise a whole host of farmyard animals. It would be particularly useful for racehorse owners who could reverse the castration of their best animals so that they could sire new thoroughbreds after being put out to grass.

The new castration injection is going through clinical trials and could be on sale within a few years.

The technology used to create the vaccine is also being used to lower testosterone in humans, a procedure which can help treat prostate cancer victims. It could eventually be used to sterilise humans, although it is not currently being tested for that purpose.

Proteus, a British biotechnology group, discovered the new animal vaccine which is now being developed by a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. the US healthcare giant.

Proteus announced vesterday that it had raised £7.6m from City financial institutions to develop further products based on the same process.

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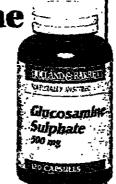
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Depression campaign saddens therapists

By jeremy Laurance Health Editor

THE launch of a three-year campaign to improve the treatment of depression caused unhappiness yesterday when psychotherapy organisations discovered they had been left out. The National Depression

Campaign - backed by 11 mental health organisations including the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Mental Health Foundation - aims to highlight the personal, social and financial burden imposed by the illness which is estimated to affect one in ten people.

But the British Association of Psychotherapists said the campaign was skewed towards drug treatment and the failure to include psychotherapists indicated antagonism to talking cures. The National Depression

Campaign follows a similar campaign run by the Royal College of Psychiatrists from 1992-97 which saw the acceptance of anti-depressant drugs as a beneficial treatment rise threefold to 45 per cent. Dr

David Baldwin, senior lecturer in psychiatry at the University of Southampton and chief spokesman for the new campaign, said: "For those who have a depressive illness, anti-depressants are usually essential before the person can become well enough to benefit fully from talking treatments."

Judy Cooper, of the British Association of Psychotherapists, said this would only apply in cases of extreme depression. "In ordinary depression it is not true at all. I have had a lot of patients who were taking drugs who knew they were not the real solution." She said it was "a shame" that psychotherapy organisations had been omitted because it sent the wrong signal. "Psychiatrists have little training in psychotherapy and to a large degree discredit it."

Dr Baldwin said: "We would not accept that exploratory psychodynamic therapy was helpful in depression and by adopting that stance we do distance ourselves from the therapy organisations."

Circus owner charged

THE circus owner, Mary Chipperfield, 60 has been charged with 15 offences of cruelty to animals. She has been bailed to appear at Basingstoke magistrates' court on 21 May to face charges brought under the Protection of Animals Act 1911 Ms Chipperfield runs Chipperfields Circus, whose beadquarters is at Croft Farm, Over Wallop, Hampshire. A Hampshire police spokesman said that during investigations officers had removed a number of animals from her care.

Farmer's baa baa code

A FARMER facing bankruptcy because of sheep rustlers has launched what he hopes will be a fightback using hi-tech microchips and satellite tracking systems. Simon Bland. 33, who farms 120 acres of fell land near Penrith in Cumbria from where he has lost more than £50,000 of stock in five years, and his fiancée, Dr Jane Barker, are developing chips which can be attached to sheep, so if stolen the animals can be traced.

Crackdown on bootleggers

THE Government announced a crackdown on cross-Channel smuggling yesterday, unveiling measures to stem the flood of bootleg drink and cigarettes into the country. Persistent offenders could lose their vehicles and face hefty new fines. The measures are the first wave of a new blitz on cross-Channel contraband said to cost the Treasury nearly £1bn a year.

Post-mortem on baby

A POST-MORTEM examination on six-month-old Caroline Jongen, whose Australian nanny is in custody accused of harming her, has failed to determine the cause of death, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Further tests will now be carried out.



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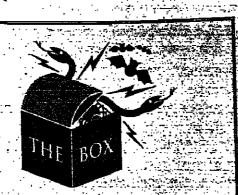
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Hague in the madhouse

WILLIAM HAGUE'S efforts to build a "new! Tory Party still have a long way to travel. One of the most humiliating débacles of the last election took place in Winchester where the incumbent Gerry Malone lost by one vote, then went to court to force a by-election which he lost by 21,000 votes to the Liberal Democrat Mark Oaten. (Malone now works for his friend Andrew Neil at the struggling European magazine.) Just to show how things now stand in Winchester, a Tory candidate is campaigning in the council elections with the slogan, Vote for George Hollingberry. He must be mad to stand as a Tory!". Will this unique electioneering approach provide Young William with just the inspiration he requires?

A life behind barcodes

Poor Nick Leeson. The trader who brought down Baring and now resides in a Singapore prison must face that: country's latest hi-tech innovation in the field of penal servitude. Famous for flogging adolescent mischle makers and for introducing cameras into public lavators to catch people who fail to flush, Singapore has just announced a plan to put barcodes on all its prisoners. Each room in prison will have an industrial-strength scanner enabling the warders to locate the cons instantly and to monitor how long it takes them to move from one point to another. Pandora salutes the Singaporean authorities for their humane compassion. Rather than tattoo the barcodes onto the convicts' skin, the codes will be worn on unbreakable, immovable ID bracelets.

In the land of the giving

The mystery of why Diana, Princess of Wales chose not to leave a single penny of her £21m estate to charity will remain unsolved until the lawyers who helped her draw up her will decide otherwise. However, across the Atlantic, a surprising new conundrum has arisen about the charitable actions of



President William Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore. The President and his wife Hillary gave \$270,725 to charity last ear despite the fact that they are in a financial black hole with debts (primarily legal) of roughly \$3m. On the other hand, Vice-President Gore and his wife Tipper (pictured) - famous for their dedication to "green" causes and for Tipper's battle to homogenise rock music lyrics - are very comfortable financially. They earned

\$197,729 last year and live in a rent-free mansion in Washington. However, they only gave \$353 to charity. Pandora has been told that one possible explanation might be the fact that the Gores have three children in expensive American private schools and universities. But what could possibly explain the Clintons' seemingly lumatic generosity in the face of impending fiscal ruin? Surely not six years of finance and sex scandals?

Joint effort for French

The House of Lords' cannabis hearings were told by an expert earlier this week that the healthiest means of ingesting the drug in future - in view of the fact that smoking it is highly carcinogenic - might be via inhaler. On the other hand, suggested Professor Heather Ashton of Newcastle University, dope could be taken via suppositories. That might appeal to the French, she said. When asked why, all of her considerable scientific knowledge failed her and she could only say, "they just like them". Her answer made perfect sense to Pandora who thought of other inexplicable Gallic enthusiasms such as dining on horsemeat and driving Citroen 2Cvs.

Down the tube, centre left

London's Liberal Democrat youth organisation have just launched a newsletter. Unfortunately, trouble with the production turned its title "Going Underground" into simply "Going Under". Such mistakes can happen to anybody, but Pandora wonders why 700 copies were actually distributed before the junior liberal politicians noticed anything was wrong.

Hot scenes cause offence

STEPHEN FRY, naughty and brilliant as ever, shocked an American audience before a screening of Wilde on Monday evening, according to the New York press. The film contains "full frontal smoking" he warned. "Some of you will turn away. Some of you will simply vomit. Oscar Wilde did smoke. We can't hide that." Stephen doesn't seem to realise there are some things you just can't joke about in God's Own Country. He's lucky he wasn't sent straight to prison just like his witty hero.

DAILY POEM

Sonnet to Helen-

By Pierre Ronsard (French, c 1500), translated by W.B. Years

When you are old and grey and full of sleep, And nodding by the fire, take down this book, And slowly read, and dream of the soft look Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace, And loved your beauty with love false or true. But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you, And loved the sorrows of your changing face;

And bending down beside the glowing bars, Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled And paced upon the mountains overhead And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

This week's Daily Poems select a few of the great translations into English in the 1,300-page compendium World Poetry: an anthology of verse from antiquity to our time. The book is edited by Katharine Washburn, John S Major and Clifton Fadiman (W W Norton, £25), and published today to coincide with

Vegetarian dies after battle against CJD

By lan Serrefi Home Affairs Correspondent

CLARE TOMKINS, a strict vegetarian who had nevertheless contracted the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

died yesterday at home. Clare, who would have been 25 next month, had been a fit and active young woman who her father Roger described as a stunning strawberry bloude, with a personality to match".

Her condition had deteriorated over the last two and a half years until she was bedbound, clinically blind and in need of 24-hour care.

Mr Tomkins said yesterday: She fought really hard but she passed away at quarter to six this morning, very peacefully. We have had her at home for eight months now and we feel she is at peace now."

strict vegetarian for more than 12 years, it is believed that she almost certainly contracted CJD by eating food contaminated with BSE, or "mad cow

Last month Mr Tomkins, an engineering director from Tonbridge, Kent, gave moving testimony to the BSE inquiry describing how for months doctors had struggled to explain his second daughter's symptoms, which included depression and an mability to walk.

Her family doctor, and subsequently a number of specialists, reckoned the cause of the symptoms, which began in January 1996, was mental rather than physical. She was eventually diagnosed with CJD in August 1997.

As the illness worsened in 1997, "her hands turned in-

Although Clare had been a wards, her feet too. She became knock-kneed, and her hips disjointed, so she could not walk". Mr Tomkins said. "She would make more and more sudden head movements. Her eyesight deteriorated and she cried constantly.

"The worst thing was sometimes at night, when she would how! like a sick, injured animal. She started to hallucinate. It is now clear to me that she was tormented in her condition."

At the High Court in London yesterday six people who live in fear of developing the human form of CID were seeking damages after developing a psychiatric condition.

The plaintiffs, who are bringing their action against the Department of Health, claim that as children they were "negligently" treated with human growth hormone. Before 1985.

2,000 British children were given the normone in a programme to treat stunted grewth, the court heard that 27 had since died of CJD.

Stephen Irwin QC, counsel for the six, said: "Theirs is not the experience of being in an horrific incident, but rather the recurring anxiety and fear of being about to be part of a hornitic incident: the decline into a dementia for which there is no cure.

Among the plaintiffs is the joekey David Lockhart, 27. who worked in the Newmarket stables of trainer Henry Cecil until he lost his nerve and was unable to get on a horse. Mr irwin said: "His statements indicate the deterioration in his mental condition as he becomes ever more anxious that he may be developing early symptoms of CID.



Clare Tomkins: 'At night she would how! like a wild animal. It was clear she was tormented by her condition

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Family left confused over E.coli death

A FAMILY learnt from a television news item that their grandmother had died from E.coli 0157 food poisoning bours after being told she was not suffering from the infection. an inquiry was told yesterday.

And five months after Mary Smith's death, an appointment card was delivered asking her to attend Monklands hospital in Lanarkshire for an E.coli checkup. Her grand-daughter. Sharon McKellar, told the inquiry in Motherwell that she was "livid" at the later blunder.

She was giving evidence on the third day of the inquiry into the world's worst outbreak of E.coli 0157 food poisoning. in which up to 21 elderly people died in Lanarkshire and central Scotland in late 1996 and 1997.

Mrs Smith, of Motherwell. died in Monklands hospital, on 28 December 1996. She had fall-

en ill a month earlier after eating meat from a Scotmid store. Her granddaughter told the inquiry that on the day the el-

derly woman was dving, a doctor sat with her for an hour and told her no E.coli had been found in tests.

"We left the hospital three hours later only to see on the TV news that she had died from E.coli." she said. "We were very distressed and I started phoning round to see who had released the statement to the press." She contacted the Scottish

Office, Lanarkshire Health Board, Monklands hospital, and police but got no answer. Whoever put out that state-

ment also saw fit to include that my grandfather had also died 10 days earlier because that was

formation floating about because the TV showed John Barr's shop in Wishaw, but the meat my granny ate was bought at Scotmid. It was not fair to John Barr.

She said that days later she received an apology from Dr Sved Ahmed, head of public health for Lanarkshire, who visited. He told the family that the latest test results had come from a laboratory in Aberdeen and were in an office at the time staff, unaware of this, were speaking to the family.

"Throughout there was a total lack of information to relatives." she told the inquiry. There were plenty of press officers - but no relatives' offi-

The appointment card for her grandmother arrived on 3 May, asking the dead woman to

"I could not believe she was being asked to go for a checkup in the same ward she died in," Mrs McKellar said.

She sought explanations but got none, and only got an apology after she threatened to go to the press. "By the time May 8 came, I was livid that no one had come to me with an apology," she said. But that night three letters of apology were delivered to her home from the hospital chief executive, a ward sister and a doctor.

Mrs McKellar, who said she believed E.coli also played a part in her grandfather's death, said lessons should be learnt.

"My grandparents were perfeetly healthy before this happened and they were not ready to die, not by any manner of means, no matter what age

The inquiry continues.



First-class performer: Emie Wise in London yesterday launching the Royal Mail's new 26p stamp which features his late partner, Eric Morecambe. The 'comedians' series has been designed by Gerald Scarfe

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Bugs threaten antibiotics

By Charles Arthur Science and Technology Editor

ANTIBIOTICS are being overused to an extent that underdiseases, and poses a major liamentary inquiry warned vesterday.

Separately, British scientists at the Soil Association in Bristol warned that stringent controis are needed to prevent the routine use of antibiotics in farm animals, because "antibiotic resistance is developing in ... [the] animals and passing to the human population". The reports reflect growing

alarm in this country and abroad at the emergence of strains of bacteria that cannot be destroved by antibiotics. Fears were fuelled last year by the discovery of bugs in Japan and the United States resistant to the antibiotic vancomycin, which is normally the last line of defence the Soil Association, pointed against infection. The bug was out that the UK was the only EU an unusual strain of the MRSA member to oppose a ban last year bacterium (methycillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus); a com- for animals called Avoparcin. mon cause of hospital infections in Britain.

"Misuse and over-use of an-life-threatening diseases."

tibiotics are now threatening to undo all their early promises and success in curing disease."

The inquiry had been "an alarming experience", said Lord mines their ability to cure killer Soulsby, adding that "the greatest threat is complacency". He threat to public health, a Par-said urgent action was needed to avert "the dire prospect of revisiting the pre-antibiotic era". The committee urged a rethink on cuts facing the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS).

At an international conference organised by the PHLS in London last October, Professor Brian Duerden, its deputy director, said vancomycin resistant enterococci had emerged in some hospitals in London that were "almost untreatable".

The Lords called for better education of doctors to persuade patients not to demand unnecessary prescriptions of antibiotics, and also to complete courses of drugs when given them.

Patrick Holden, director of on a growth-promoting antibiotic

Richard Young, who wrote a report titled Inadequacies in the Lord Soulsby, chair of the Regulation of Farm Antibiotics, House of Lords Science and said: "We are on the brink of be-Technology Committee, said: ing unable to treat a range of



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lice chief constable, was still sitting tight in his office vesterday, apparently impervious to decan only hope that Sir Paul Condon, his counterpart in London, is equally thick-skinned.

For if the buck stops at the top in Aberdeen, as Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland, has so memorably declared, it may equally be presumed to do so in London, where the Metropolitan Police stands accused of incompetence over the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

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In Mr Oliver's case, a damning report on his force's handling of the investigation into-

'Dewar's actions reveal a new willingness by politicians to criticise police'

the murder of schoolboy Scott Simpson by Steven Leisk, a known paedophile, prompted Mr Dewar to call on him to "pack his bags".

Sir Paul can expect a scathing indictment of the Metwhen the inquity into the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence be deemed to have direct manpublishes its report later this year. The inquiry, which is in its fourth week, has heard a chairman of the Metropolitan devastating litany of allega- Police Federation, believes, not tions against investigating unsurprisingly, that chief con-

It remains to be seen whether Jack Straw, the Flom Secretary, will call on Sir Paul to fall on his sword. There are action does reveal is a new willmajor differences between the two cases. But what seems certain, after events this week in Grampian, is that highest rank were reluctant to do so because ing police officers are no longer regarded as untouchable.

bles have not been held accountable for the conduct of putting the boot in their officers, unless they were directly involved. Nor are they

to proffer their resignation as

a symbolic gestion.
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As Sir Paul reads the report on the Leisk investigation; he will hear unmistalcable echoes of the allegations levelled against his own officers at the Lawrence inquiry. Its conclusions of incompetence neglect of duty and lost opportunities. for instance - all charges made against south London police by Edmund Lawson, QC, counsel to the inquiry.

The report says that Grampian police had all the information they needed to solve. the mystery of Scott's disappearance within a few hours, but that they ignored it. At the Lawrence inquiry, officers have admitted that they received so many tip-offs that they could have made arrests within 24 hours - instead of which they waited a formight.

The list of uncanny similarities goes on. But there are also singular aspects to the Grampian case which mean that, as far as its reverberations for chief constables go, it may remain a one-off. There are exacerbating factors, such as Mr Oliver's arrogance in the face of criticism.

More importantly, his force is tiny compared with the Met and Dr Oliver might reasonably agerial responsibility

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What Mr Dewar's robust reinguess on the part of politicians to criticise the police. There was a time when they of public esteem for the service. But nowadays people are far Historically, chief consta- more cynical about the police, so there less votes to be lost in

Crimes and punishment



Pictures in words: Selina Woodruff displaying the four-million word dictionary at Colnaghi's in London yesterday Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

Dictionary is a work of art at £10,000

IT WAS fitting that the newest dictionary of art was on view yesterday in an Old Bond Street gallery next to a Canaletto painting. For the book comes with a price tag one associates with the wilder dreams of the art market, writes David Lister.

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Purchasing the leather-bound Dictionary of An with marble endpapers and gilt edges will set you back £10,000. The limited edition of 250 copies comes in 34 volumes and took 15 years to put together.

Surprisingly, most of the images in the dictionary are in black and white. Katharine Douglas, who was handling the publicity for the publishers Macmillan, explained: "If we had put more colour in, the book could have become prohibitively expensive." It is a moot point how much in excess of £10,000 a book has to be to count as prohibitively expensive.

On show at Colnaghi's yesterday, the dictionary had already clocked up one sale. The gallery owners bought a full set for their library. "It's an excellent book that we will definitely use," said Selina Woodruff, a staff member. Now they will just have to sell a painting to pay for it.

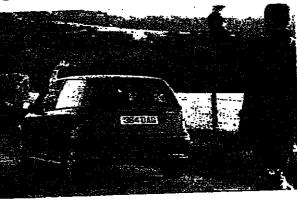




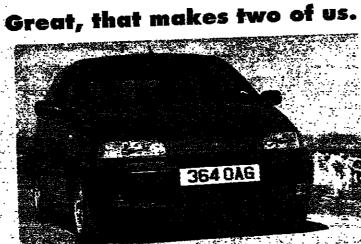
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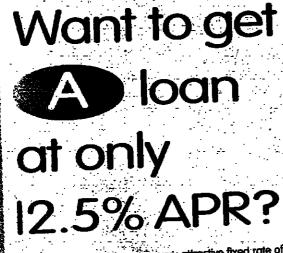


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Blair pledge on prisoner release

and Alan Murdoch

TONY BLAIR gave an assurance to MPs in the Commons that terrorist prisoners will not be given early release under the Northern Ireland peace deal if they are still a threat to society.

As MPs and TDs in London and Dublin gave their backing to referendums on the Good Friday settlement. Mr Blair sought to reassure the Ulster Unionists about the deal he brokered in Northern Ireland.

But the late-night Commons session on legislation setting up a Northern Ireland assembly exposed the splits in David Trimble's Ulster Unionist party over the deal.

Mr Trimble and his deputy. John Taylor, were attacked by Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist Party leader, for being absent as Mr Trimble's Unionist MPs attacked the deal.

President Bill Clinton is expected to forestall his visit to Ulster until after the 22 May referendums on both sides of

the border to avoid upsetting Unionist voters, the Irish Prime Minister, Bertie Ahera gave a clear hint yesterday. Mr Ahern who is due to have consultations with Jim Steinberg, deputy US security adviser, in Dublin next week about the prospects for a presidential trip, confirmed the visit was still on the cards.

"The issue is not so much in our jurisdiction, but that it might create disharmony in Northern Ireland. The balance was that the visit might be just after the referendum debate and before they go into a campaign for the new Northern Ireland Assembly," he said. The release of prisoners re-

mains a difficult issue for Dublin and the British government. Mr Blair told the Commons that prisoners who were "a threat or attached to organisations that are carrying on violence" would not be eligible for early release, and those who were released would be on licence so they could be returned to prison, if they broke

The Prime Minister also reinforced the assurances given in a recent letter to Mr Trimble that ministers in the new Northern Ireland assembly would be debarred from holding office in UIster if their parties were involved in renewed violence or had refused to take part in substantial decommissioning over the next two years. But he refused to write that assurance into the legislation which MPs were asked to rush through the Commons last night to allow the elections

to the Assembly to take place. In the Dail, the issue marked the only serious difference between the six main Dail parties during the two-day debate. The Justice Minister, John

O'Donoghue, said the Government's "view" was that those charged with the murder of Garda Jerry McCabe in Adare, Limerick in 1996 would not come within the ambit of the agreement's release provisions. But the Labour leader, Ruairi Quinn, warned against operating a different policy on prisoners on either side of the border



Ethical cuppa: Clare Short, Secretary of State for International Development, sipping tea at the House of Commons launch yesterday of the 'soundly sourced' Co-Op 99 Tea. Leading article, page 18

Warning on Mid East stalemate

Political Editor

THE Prime Minister, dubbed "the angel of peace" by a German newspaper commentator this week, yesterday told the Commons that continuing stalemate in the Middle East posed a threat to "the stability of the entire world."

The warmth of European reaction to Tony Blair's mission extended to the French Foreign Ministry, which suggested he might have delivered the kiss of life to

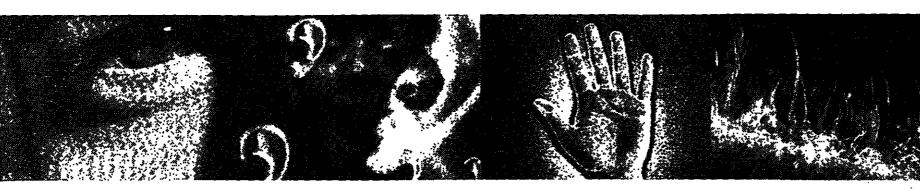
the peace process. In the Commons, Labour MPs praised his efforts. Answering a question from Lin-da Perham, MP for Illord North, Mr Blair told the House he welcomed the plans by Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian Authority, to come to London for meetings on 4 May with Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State.

"I plan to meet both as well," he said. We will play any role we can that it is helpful for us to play, though I stress again that we should not cut across anything being done by the US. But I believe if there is goodwill on both sides, then progress can be made." However, Mr Blair warned: "If progress is not made, then this dispute will carry on threatening not just the stability of the Middle East but the stability of the



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Oxfam reveals **UK's £660m** arms trade

By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

A SECRET £660m British trade in guns and other small arms is prolonging the misery of war in dozens of developing countries, a leading charity claims in a report out today.

Despite assurances that only a handful of United Kingdom companies make small arms and ammunition, Oxfam publishes a list of 120. The charity says it is "business as usual" for the arms business under Robin Cook's new rules. It also claims that China is more open about the arms it exports than Britain.

The report traces how small perately poor. The UK trade in small arms such handguns, pistols, shotguns, rifles and rocket launchers amounts to around . £660m a year, it says. While the catalogue from the Defence Export Services Organisation at the Ministry of Defence lists just eight UK companies involved in small arms manufacture and supply and one making ammunition. Oxfam has a list of 120.

"It is difficult to imagine any other British industry which could cause death and injury on a large scale and remain not merely unaccountable but receive large sums of taxpayers' money in export credit guarantees," says the report, "Small Arms, Wrong Hands".

The charity says that although commentators have tended to focus on major arms deals, the post-Cold War world has fallen prey to "a bewildering array of separatist and counter-insurgency wars; border disputes, ethnic and religious violence" and other "low-intensity conflicts". Of 27 countries in Africa to which the UK has supplied light weapons, 71 per cent are suffering armed conflict.

Oxfam welcomed Britain's recent commitment to cut links between aid and the arms trade. The Government has also promised that state support for exports to highly indebted countries will only be given to "proguns and ammunition made in ductive" products for the next the UK go to more than 100 'two years. However, the secreports is unacceptable, it says.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said the Government had argued vigorously within the European Union and in a forum of arms-trading countries for greater controls. Under Robin Cook's ethical foreign policy there would be an annual report on arms exports. "This is actually an area where we believe our record is a good one. In particular, the export controls we have in place constitute one of the toughest regimes in existence," he said.

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Tory chairman sees end of the big givers

FOREIGN donations to the Conservatives have dried up since the election, the party chairman, Cecil Parkinson, told the Neill inquiry into political funding yesterday, writes Fran

Corporate donations were in termmai decline, rich benefactors were being put off by the threat of having their names published and membership was only just beginning to pick up after the election defeat, he

The party's overdraft is believed to be between £1.5m and f2m, and more than 50 staff have been made redundant or have left without being re-Asked if his party treasurer

was worned about the party finances as a result of the decline in large donations, Lord Parkinson replied: "Congratulations, that is a very good analysis."

"We have been around for a long time and we intend to stay around for a long time. But it is very, very difficult."

Foreign donations were a vexed question, because it was hard to decide who should



count as foreign, he said. "Fortunately, since I have been chairman - or unfortunately - we haven't had to face the problem. Since the last election we have had no donors about whom we have even had to wonder whether they could be classified as foreign, he said.

We think the more prescriptive you are the more incentive there is for people to try to find ways around it. We think the days of huge sums being available to political parties to spend to try to buy elections are probably over.



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Narning New Forest set to become a National Park talemate By Michael McCartiny By Mich

Environment Correspondent

THE New Forest should at last be given National Park status, officials of the Countryside Commission, the Government's landscape advisory body, will recommend today.

If accepted by ministers, their advice will end a decadelong wrangle over the precise legal position of the 200square-mile mixture of ancient woodlands, pasture and open heaths, which is the last uncultivated wilderness of southern England.

Squeezed between Southampton and its oil refineries on the one side, and Bournemouth and its expanding conurbation on the other, the forest, in places virtually unchanged since mediaeval times, is subject to increasing tourism and development pressures. Yet two attempts have failed in the past 10 years to give it National Park status, and the prestige, funding and strong planning powers that go with that status.

The first attempt was headed off inside Whitehall in 1990 by an alliance between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Forestry Commission, reluctant to give up administrative control over the 67,000 acres of Crown Estate woodland at the heart of the forest.

Then, in 1992, the Conservative government made a specific promise of National Park status for the forest, but failed . The semi-wild ponies are one



of the area's most distinctive

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to implement it. Instead the forest is at present labelled a "Heritage Area" - a unique, ad hoc definition that has no statutory force, but allows the forest to have a working boundary. and a committee of local authorities and other interested parties to look after it.

The New Forest Committee. is pressing for proper legal protection for the area, and the Countryside Commission feels strongly that it should formally be brought into the national parks "family", although this will require a special arrangement for the 500 commoners, the local people who hold ancient grazing and forestry rights and still turn out their ponies, cattle, sheep and pigs to graze freely through the woodlands.

ning powers and more protection, but it is too early to suggest what the effects would be," a spokesman said. Officials of the Countryside Commission will recommend National Park equivalent

malise the New Forest Heritage

Area and provide greater plan-

status to their nine commissioners at their meeting in Leeds today. By contrast, as reported in

The Independent on Monday, they will recommend that such status be denied the South

The New Forest was established in 1079 by William the Conqueror as his personal hunting preserve and has remained largely unchanged bcsights: The commoners are cause the soil is poor and so has represented by the ancient never been tilled. Its diverse Court of Verderers and this mixture of habitats provide a body too would be likely to stunning mix of wildlife, from remain and would need to be red and fallow deer to rare birds incorporated into any new such as the honey buzzard and unusual flowers, such as the wild But the benefits of Nationgladiolus. ai Park status are undeniable, The area has been most nosays the Council for National

tably celebrated in recent years by the photographer and filmwatchdog body representing maker Eric Ashby with his groundbreaking 1961 television "It would ensure long-term documentary The Unknown protection of the area, nation-Forest, and his book The Secret al recognition for its unique Life of The New Forest, publandscape and wildlife, and a lished in 1989, both of which offered remarkable wildlife for the New Forest into the next portraits, particularly of badgets millennium," said Angus Lunu, and foxes. Now 80, Ashby still lives at Badger's Cottage in The Forestry Commission the north-west of the forest. was more equivocal yesterday.



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Country idyll: Ponies grazing in a scene from Eric Ashby's The Secret Life of the New Forest (1989) Photograph: Eric Ashby

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Acid rain blamed for thin state of thrush egg shells ly used in British agriculture from

Science and Technology Editor

thrush and ring ouzel. Rhys Green of the RSPB carried out a survey by comparing the thickness of shells laid now with those from museum collections, some dating

long-term trends that might be related to environmental pollution," he told New Scientist magazine.

The results were clear-cut for most of the species, with a steady decline in the thickness of eggshells

blackbird, song thrush, mistle of between 2 and 11 per cent in the period from 1850 to the present day. Intriguingly, the thickness of

blackbird shells follows a sloping curve: it stayed steady between 1850 and 1900, then fell abruptly in the years to 1960, but is now slowly rising - in contrast to the steady decline in shell thickness of birds such as the ring ouzel, which breed on moorland. Thinner shells could affect the birds' survival, though Mr Green says that further research is required to determine this.

The cause is also not clear-cut - but seems most likely to be linked to acid rain rather than pesticides or pollutants, because it predates the wide agricultural use of chemicals such as DDT. By contrast, industrial systems earlier this century loaded the atmosphere with suiphur dioxide from the coal burnt

areas with very acid soils have thinner shells than normal. Acid rain would reduce the

in houses and furnaces. Elsewhere,

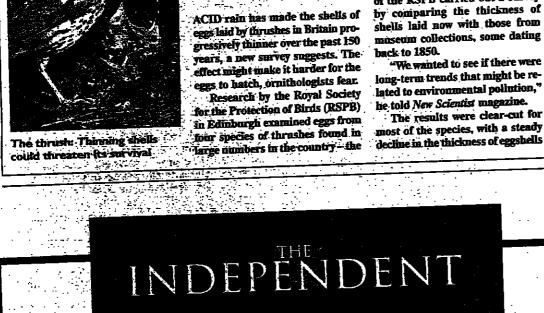
eggs laid by great tits living in

alkaline calcium content of leaf litter eaten by worms, and the snail population – and both are a key part of birds' diets. It could also suggest the reason

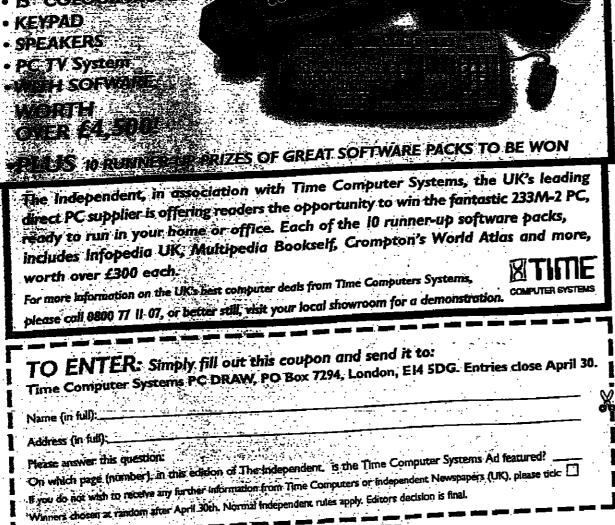
why blackbird shells are now growing thicker, after decades when they thinned. "It is tempting to relate this to the clean air legislation of the 1950s," said Mr Green. That banned the burning of anything except smokeless fuel in urban areas, and reduced smog levels dramatically.

Pesticides such as DDT - wide-

1947 - have previously been found to cause thinning of shells in birds of prev, which absorbed the chemical through animals they captured. But the thinning of thrush eggshells predates that extensively. Mr Green is confident that the survey is reliable, because the collection sites are well documented: and thus the recorded changes derive from external phenomena, rather than from variability had the samples been taken piecemeal.









Why gifted children may not always get the glittering prizes

By judith judd Education Edition

GIFTED children are not destined for glittering careers. according to a far-reaching study published today.

Research from the Office for Standards in Education shows that those who shine at school in IQ tests and exams often fail to fulfil their potential.

The review of current evidence on very able children cites, for example, a study of 11 "world-changers" by Howard Gardner, professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in the United States. He found that of those studied, even by the age of 20. only Pablo Picasso's world status was apparent. Others in the review included the composer Igor Fyodorovich Stravinsky: Martha Graham, the American dancer and choreographer: Sigmund Freud and Mahatma Gandhi.

Famous visual thinkers such as Einstein, Edison and Churchill all did badly at school. The key to success, the findings suggest, lies more in dedication, motivation, hard work and support from the family than in IQ scores or school achievement.

Professor Joan Freeman, a education geared to highvisiting professor at Middlesex University and the author of the report, quotes a study in Sun Francisco which has traced 856 boy- and 672 girl-"geniuses" from 1925 to the present day.

All had IQ scores of at least 135, putting them in the top 2 per cent of the population, but their latest review shows that they have not been noticeably more successful as adults than if they had been randomly selected from others of the same social background.









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Latent genius: (left to right) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Albert Einstein (who did badly at school), artist Pablo Picasso and Sigmund Freud, the originator of psychoanalysis

ability pupils do not stand out from their peers as adults. A study of more than 200 former pupils of the Hunter School for

the Gifted in New York (mean IQ 157) found that, by middleage, all had failed to reach the top of their chosen professions. Professor Freeman said that there were obvious examples of child prodigies who achieved

fame, such as Mozart "But they are extremely few and far between. William Hague could be said to be one. Personality, Even children who receive motivation and the opportunity

important."

Her report takes issue with the Government's policy of support for accelerating bright children by a year or more. "The overall conclusion from research is that acceleration can work, particularly for mathematics and second languages, but with very strong caveats."

Even the academic advantages of acceleration are in doubt, it says, Professor Freeman's own research suggests that the normal problems of growing up may be exaggerat-

to use your talents are very ed with acceleration, for example, with the issue of staying out late like older classmates.

She said: "It is a crude and cheap method of dealing with the gifted." They would be much better served by wellplanued enrichment activities after school and at weekends: iournalism courses for talented writers or computer courses for future programmers.

The report warns against labelling children as "gifted". Research in Britain compared a group of children identified by their parents as gifted with a

who were unlabelled and a third randomly selected group.

Ten years later, when the groups were again interviewed. the young people who had been labelled gifted had often remained the least happy.

"Labelling appeared to have had the effect of putting pressure on children to live up to it in high achievements, notably in the case of those who had been wrongly labelled and could not fulfil their parents' ambitions."

Joan Freeman, Education

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Maggots

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SOMETIMES it is the old methods that prove the best. In people suffering from a nasty complication of diabetes known as "necrotic toe", doctors have turned to the maggot.

As nature's alternative to modern surgery, the maggot is an effective means of removing dead tissue. Researchers have found that they can be used to amputate diseased toes cleanly, painlessly and with less risk than a swipe of the scalpel.

In a study in The Diabetic Foot, a medical journal, Dr Gerty Rayman and colleagues at lpswich Hospital, Suffolk, describe how they have used the larvae - maggots - of the greenbottle fly to excise the gangrenous toes of diabetes sufferers.

Poor circulation causes ulcers in the feet of people with diabetes which can be hard to heal and may turn gangrenous. The complication may threaten the limbs and the lives of patients but surgery can be risky.

Dr Rayman says maggots are an effective and safe alternative. "It is readily accepted by the majority of patients and has the benefit of abolishing the offensive odour associated with infection and necrosis."

The procedure involves the insertion of about a dozen maggots into the wound - depending on its size - which are then sealed in place with a dressing. Every three days they are cleaned out and new ones introduced. They produce a powerful cocktail of enzymes which break down the dead tissue and the amputation is usually complete within six weeks.

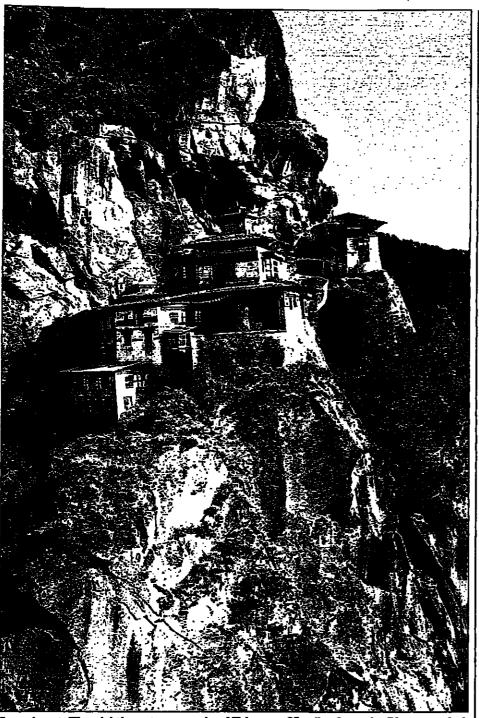
The research team said convincing patients of the benefits of the treatment had not been difficult, once their initial revulsion had been overcome.



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Sacred spot: The eighth-century temple of Taktsang, 25 miles from the Bhutan capital, Thimpu, which was destroyed by fire on Sunday night

Fire destroys 'Tiger's Lair' shrine revered by Bhutan's Buddhists

By Peter Popham in New Delhi

FIRE has destroyed one of the most famous and highly venerated temples in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan.

"Tiger's Lair", clung to a sheer rock face 3,000ft above the valley floor in the west of the country. Tiny and precariously poised, it was the most famous image of Bhutan internationally: to the Bhutanese it was revered as the spot on which the nation's founding saint, the monk Padma Sambhava, defeated the demons which stood in the way of the spread of Buddhism. But on Sunday evening it burnt to the ground.

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pler and more humdrum explanation. On Tuesday, the smouldering ruins were still too hot to approach. The only

caretaker, was missing. Taktsang was perched high beautiful valley and the crossroads of its two most important trade routes to Tibet. According to legend, Padma Sambha-

to declare that the disaster was gress - hence the temple's a terrible omen for the na- name. After meditating for tion's future. A rumour reach- three months in the cave in the ing Kathmandu in nearby Nepal rock face which became the said that the fire had been temple's sanctum sanctorum, he started by lightning. But the defeated the demons and estemple's structure was ancient, tablished the rule of Buddhism The temple of Taktsang, dried-out timber and it was lit in Bhutan. This is supposed to tury, but the temple has been rebuilt several times. The temple, a strenuous

three-hour climb from the road person living in the temple, a that threads through the valley, contained ancient paintings and images, including one statue, above Paro, Bhutan's most which guarded the meditation cave deep within the temple, of Padma bestriding his grinning tigress, commonly interpreted as an avatar of his wife. How va flew to this ledge high above many of these treasures, have Pious Bhutanese were quick the valley on the back of a ti- survived is so far unknown.



Rome floats a fund to trade on its past

Italy's capital is drawing up a list of historic state-owned properties to privatise

in Rome

IT MAY BE some time before the "for sale" signs go up outside the Colosseum, but a recent law makes such a sale a possibility. Later this year, selected state-owned properties in Rome will be placed in special real estate funds, shares in which will be sold to the private sector. "We may start with a fund for Rome's Foro Italico sports complex," said Giacomo Vaciago who heads the committee which is currently drafting the list of properties to be sold. "But then we could do the same thing for the Uffizi Gallery or the Roman Porum." Or, as Mr Vaciago joked, why not the Colosseum? We could hand it over to the Americans to run." he said.

The idea is not new. In a famous film of 1962, Italy's bestloved comic, Tot, tried to "sell" the Trevi Fountain to a hapless, gullible American tourist. Any attempts by Mr Vaciago and his team to do the same thing with the Colosseum, however, would be bound to unleash a storm of protest. Indeed, even his joking about it set alarm bells ringing.

"We wouldn't even think of it," said culture minister Walter Veltroni, who in general has no qualms about giving the private sector an active role in heritage. In 1996, he signed a deal with industrialists involving them directly in the restora- er state assets can claim to be tion and maintenance of Italy's such money-spinners. Innu-



Tourist magnet: Bringing in 1.7bn lira a month from admis fees. Rome's amphitheatre is a major money-spinner

museums and archeological sites by exchanging picture rights for sponsorship cash.

"We are talking about one of the world's most important historic monuments," he said, clearly miffed by Mr Vaciago's levity. "It would be like selling the pyramids to an oil company."

In fact, it would be more like selling off a gushing oil well; since last autumn, when Rome started charging visitors to enter the Colosseum, the amphitheatre has brought in 1.7bn lira (£0.6m) a month. Few oth-

generating no revenue and costing the state dear in upkeep. It is these that the potential investor will find on offer when Mr Vaciago and his team complete their list in June. By that time, anything up to 1,000

properties will have been se-

lected. An initial short list con-

merable barracks, historic

buildings and warehouses are

more of a liability than a boon,

tains just under 300. Best-known of these is the Foro Italico, the mosaic- and statue-packed fascist-era sports centre on the banks of the

and running tracks lie idle except for brief bursts of activity during occasional top-level sports meetings. And except, of course, for the weekend bustle around the 80,000-seat Stadio Olimpico which is home to the capital's first division Roma

and Lazio football teams. Mr Vaciago's committee has valued the Foro at around one trillion lire. Investors underwriting the fund, he explained, will be offered discounted concessions for use of the complex. And everyone - state, investors and general public - will benefit from the more efficiently and profitably run facilities.

So could the Colosseum not become even more of a gold mine with the same treatment? At the culture ministry, a

spokeswoman was prepared to admit that selling the amphitheatre was "theoretically possible but, she added, "the sale would need our permission and we wouldn't give it".

"Who knows what private enterprise might do there to pull in even greater crowds," she wondered. "Striptease performances every evening?"

Alternatively, of course, an entrepreneur with a taste for the gorier side of ancient Rome might fix up those crumbling seats, replace the floor and bring back the wild beasts. Once again Flavian's amphitheatre might echo to the roars and Tiber in northern Rome, where screams of lions and gladiators.

Harassment case delayed

JUDGMENT was deferred in a case with implications for the definition of sexual harassment in the US and also Paula Jones's suit against President Clinton. Kimberly Ellerth says she was harassed and threatened by her boss, Theodore Slowik. The firm says that because she suffered no demonstrable detriment - she was promoted but subsequently resigned - there is no liability. Ms Ellerth says she quit because of her ordeal. Mary Dejevsky, Washington

Serial killer

TESTS on sperm found on trains on the Italian Riviera where two women died indicate the same man killed them both. It is suspected he may also have murdered six other women earlier this year.

Rebel caught

A COMMANDER of the Peruvian Shining Path rebels, Pedro Quinteros, was captured while eating at a restaurant in a Lima shantytown. - AP, Lima,

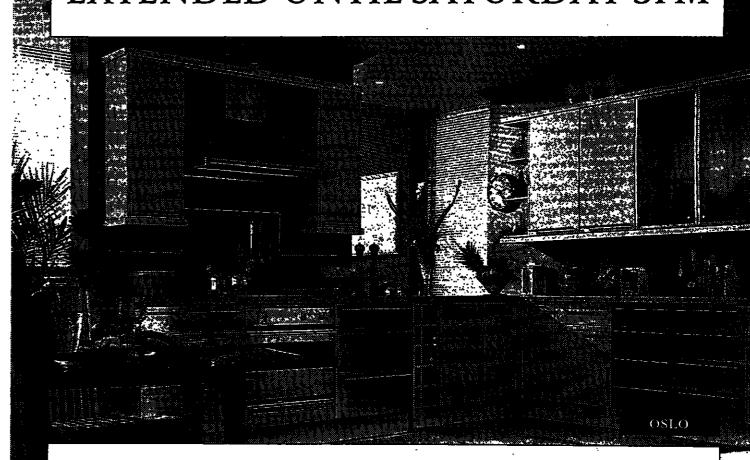
Editor dies

CHARLES CHIKEREMA. the miliant Communist editor of the Herald, Zimbahwe's main state newspaper, collapsed and died two months after President Mugabe put him into the job to replace an editor he blamed for inciting dissent. — AP, Harare

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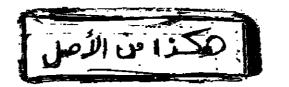
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France 'had no hand in Rwanda genocide'

Firing squad to execute 33 prisoners in soccer stadium

The cabinet ordered the

sentences on Monday, in a

meeting in which President

Pasteur Bizimungu, a Hutu,

sought to placate survivors of

By John Lichfield

THE SON of the late President François Mitterrand categorically denied vesterday that France conducted a clandestine policy nswards Rwanda, which may have contributed to the genocide of up to 1,000,000 people.

Jean-Christophe Mitterrand, who was for six years his father's special adviser on Africa, also angrily denied suggestions that he was personally embroiled in Rwanda policy.

"No, I was not a personal friend of the Rwandan president ... No. I do not own several hectares of hashish in Rwanda," Mr Mitterrand told a committee of the French parliament which is investigating France's role in the central African nation in the early Nineties.

THE RWANDAN govern-

ment will publicly execute 33 prisoners tomorrow, the first of 130,000 genocide suspects to be tried for their part in the a cabinet communiqué, the slaughter of an estimated report added: "This will act as 800,000 people in 1994, writes

Radio Rwanda said vester-

demic and journalistic investito become too closely associatmajority Hutu community in Rwanda. As a result it did nothing to prevent preparations for a genocidal repression of the minority Tutsi community and, it is alleged, continued secretly to four senior politicians once re-

day that the executions would ried out by firing squad, are the massacres by ignoring pleas meant as a warning to Hutu take place in a soccer stadium in the capital, Kigali, and in militiamen "still bent on pursuing genocide".

four provincial towns. Quoting a lesson to people who do not respect the life of others."

It has been alleged by aca-supply weapons after the massacres of Tutsis and moderate gators that France allowed itself Hutus began in April 1994. Mr Mitterrand said these ed with extremist elements in the allegations were "lies and defamations". His father had always acted, in "a confused and

sponsible for French policy in Rwanda, including two former prime ministers, took similar questions from the parliamentary study group. There is only one precedent in recent French history for the cross-examination often cruel situation", to do his of such a group of former minbest to bring democracy and isters by partiamentarians in peace to Rwanda. On Tuesday, this way. Edouard Balladur,

prime minister in 1994, stoutly

Trials in Rwanda began in 1996 and scores of people have been sentenced to death for

their part in the genocide. The brisk pace of these trials has highlighted the sluggish. progress of the United Na-

plicity by his government in the genocide, or improper support for the Hutu regime which carried it out. He strongly hinted, however, that there might have been a parallel policy, con-

trolled by President Mitterrand, of which he had no knowledge.

tions court, the international Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, set up to try the genocide ringleaders, which has yet to set a date to deliver its first verdict. The executions come two

weeks before Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the UN, is

ty that arms from other French rejected any suggestion of comsources did reach the Rwandan government after the massacres began. No such deliveries were. made as far as my present knowledge goes", he said. Asked whether arms could have been sent through unofficial clined to rule out the possibili- Balladur said: "That is the ques-

tion I am, myself, asking. I have not received a reply." Both he and Alain Juppe, foreign minister at the time and later prime minister, implied that the true responsibility for the genocide should be attributed to Uganda and the United States.

Both these countries had supported the Tutsi rebels, who had come to power in Rwanda, as a result of the 1994 genocide and civil war. "Who profited from the crime?" Mr Juppe asked at one stage. This amounts to a breathtaking assertion, or implication, that the Tursis cynically brought about thousands of members of their own ethnic or social group (including their own relatives) in. the hope of regaining power. On several occasions, he de- and others have suggested, Mr. The parliamentary inquiry is

Farmers thrown lifeline in Australia's docks war

in Sydney.

FARM leaders in New South Wales vesterday met maritime union leaders in Sydney who offered to allow farm products stranded on the Sydney docks to be moved out through picket lines. But farmers across the rest of Australia are preparing to smash through picket lines on wharves, where sacked dock workers and their supporters are mounting a crippling biockade.

As the country's dock war entered its second week. Donald McGauchie, president of the powerful farm lobby, the National Farmers' Federation, said a strategy had been drawn up for farmers to drive lorries. tractors and other farm vehicles on to wharves to deliver produce and collect stranded cargo. "The whole thing is in train." he said. "It will occur some time later this week. We've had enough."

The dispute between farmers and dock workers, or John Howard. "wharfies" as they are known in Maritime Union of Aus- tre of the row wh tralia, which has had a mocountry's docks for almost 100 with non-union contract work- outside Patrick terminals in

years. The future of unionism ers on 7 April. Patrick is Aus- an attempt to make them in- Mr Justice Tony North ruled in Patrick announced that its subin Australia as a whole is also tralia's second-biggest cargo involved, as well as the reputa- handling company. It claimed tion of the federal conservative that its union workers were coalition government led by

Mr Howard is supporting low the world's best practice for Australia, is over the future of Patrick, the company at the cen-handling containers. ich sacked its

overpaid, inefficient and performing at a rate one-third be-

1.400 workforce, all union leaders and supporters have nopoly over jobs on the members, and replaced them mounted pickets and blockades

operable.

Patrick's Sydney terminal.

But on Tuesday, Patrick appeared to suffer a setback when

acy" in its treatment of the union workers. When it sacked them,

the Federal Court that the sidiary employing companies On Monday, farmers in the company should re-hire all its were no longer solvent and someone simply because they New South Wales town of Wal-sacked union workers and stop were in the hands of adminis-belong to a union. The comgett held Bob Carr, the state's hiring replacements from else trators. The judge ruled that pany has launched an appeal premier, captive for almost where. In a case brought by the Patrick had breached the law against the ruling. and that they were sacked because they were members of the

maritime union.

Anstralian law forbids an

two hours at the local airport maritime union, the judge ruled by putting a complex corporate. The Australian Stock Exand demanded that he order that Patrick had "arguably" en- structure in place to make it change responded to the rolling police to remove the pickets at paged in an "unlawful conspir- easier to sack its own workers. - which has raised the stakes in the dock war - by suspending trading in Lang Corporation, Patrick's operating company.



Fighting spirit: Angry sacked dockers marching through barricades at a Melbourne port to report for work yesterday, but they were later turned back by police Photograph: AFP

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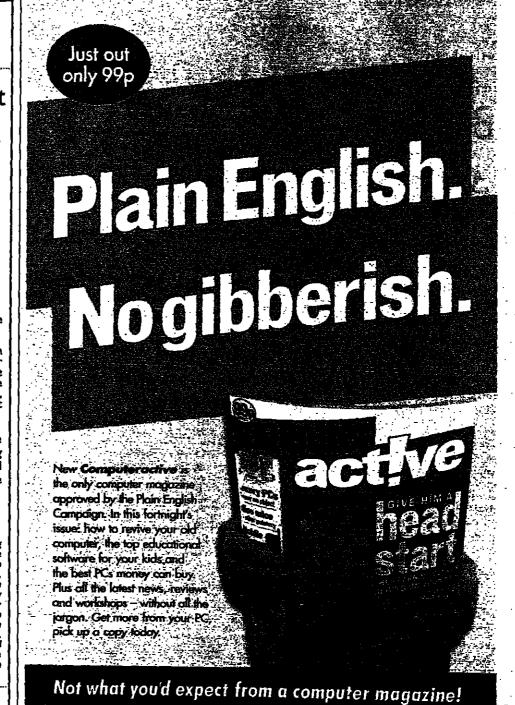
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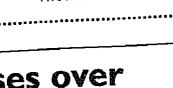
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US agonises over child kidnap case

By Mary Dejevsky

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AMERICA'S failsafe gauges of rocal public opinion - the broadcast talk shows and Internet chat ooms - have been cought up in a fierce new debate. The subject is Stephen Fagan, 56, who lives in Palm Beach, Florida, and who has been charged with abducting his

two children 20 years ago. He is in a Massachusetts prison. trying to raise the 10 per cent deposit for a \$250,000 (£156,000) bail

He is accused of kidnapping his daughters, then five and two, from his wife, who had custody. Now in their early twenties, they waved and blew kisses when their father ap-

peared in court this week. It is alleged Mr Fagan fled with the girls to Florida in 1979, assumed the name William Martin, constructed a past that involved a spell in the CIA, and remarried thrice, each time to a woman who could keep him in the style to which he aspired. A lawyer by training, he became a social success, and brought up his daughters, by all ac-

counts responsibly. His double life was exposed after a tip-off.

The facts were checked with his ex-wife. Barbara Kurth, now living in Virginia. This was the first the daughters knew about the true reason for their move to Florida: Mr Fagan had told them their

mother had died in a car accident. Shortly after her ex-husband was charged on Tuesday, Mrs Kurth said she had lived with the loss of her daughters for nearly 20 years and feared even now that she might never he reunited with them. So far they are refusing to see her.

Those taking Mr Fagan's side. mostly men, say the full facts of the abduction have yet to come out. His lawyer says Mr Fagan broke the law only to rescue his children from an allegedly alcohol-abusing mother who neglected them - claims made during acrimonious divorce and custody proceedings - and proved an admirable father. The maximum penalty for child abduction in Massachusetts is four years' jail: it was one year when the Fagan girls were kidnapped. The question exercising lawyers is whether justice can ever be done in this case.

Militias implicated in Algeria's reign of terror

Middle East Correspondent

LIKE BLOOD, the truth is trickle appeared in the privately owned French language. bune: that at least a dozen of and "abuse of their power".

- the "auto-defence" units of village "guards", armed and supbeen arrested for imposing a reign of terror against local civilians around Relizane in the west of the country, 160 for the rape of four women in miles from Algiers. Two mass graves had been dug up, con

buried alive. The mayors of Relizane and the neighbouring town of Odjioua had also been detained. According to the newspapers

-whose information was not officially confirmed - El-Haj Fer-. gane, a member of the RDN (the government party, the Rassemblement National Democratique), and Haj el-Abed, the head of the local defence unit, had been arrested in Oran. More disturbing was the evidence of a widow whose husband had been, she said. executed by the Relizane mayor. Within a few days, more revelations were forthcoming.

At least 128 cases were being brought before the Algerian courts, according to the newspaper Al Watan, of po-

licemen and "home guard" militia involving the murder of 54 civilians. The paper said that 120 police officers were seeping out of Algeria. The first now imprisoned in the old French jail of Barberousse at Setkadii in Algiers city, charged newspaper Liberté and in La Tri- with theft, assault, corruption

Hadded that several mempers of the "home guard" had been sentenced to four months impresonment, that a policeman had received a 20-year jail term for death threats and that another had been given 15 years

There are armed groups who are out of control in the confusion of war

a public garden in Algiers city. Hitherto, the Algerian authorities have always blamed "Islamists" for the series of civil war has claimed up to 150,000 lives since elections which the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) would have won were cancelled by the militarybacked government in 1991. Algerian officials have been under growing pressure from the United Nations, the European

lage massacres to justice, and it is possible that these latest revelations are an attempt to assuage the storm of criticism. Three former members of the security forces, who are

now seeking political asylum in Britain, last autumn gave The Independent terrifying evidence of torture and "disappearances" of civilians in the Algerian war. But the reports from Oran suggest that the "home guard" units may have played a part in the slaughter of villagers, many of whom voted for the FIS in the 1991 elections. The government blames the Islamic Armed -Group (GIA) for the bloodbath around Algiers in which hundreds of men, women and children were killed with knives and ets: many were decapi-It was Abderahman Mezi-

ane-Cherif, when minister of interior in 1995, who first decided to arm villagers against the "terrorists" whom the government accused of murdering civilians in the war. Thousands of men in remote hamlets were given weapons, often guns which had been captured from the French during the 1954-62 war of independence, some of them relics from the armouries of the Third Reich.

When I visited the "home guard" in the village of Igoujdal in the Kabyle mountains in March of 1995, the men were being armed with French Union and the United States to

bring the perpetrators of the vilsub-machine guns of Second World War vintage, and Italian hunting rifles. Officially, all were vetted by the authorities - but the men were already talking about their killing of an "Islamist" from a neighbouring village who had allegedly been carrying a list of Igoudjal citi-

zens to be assassinated. When I asked agarmed villager if this was into how the Lebanese civil war began, he replied: "Impossible. These men are Algerians fighting for Algeria, who are crushing the fascism of fundamentalism."

It was the eloquent and brave leader of the trade unionist Algerian Workers Party who first spoke out against the arming of these men - again, in an interview with The Indepen-

The government, she said, had been distributing weapons since 1983. "They say they are to defend isolated regions against the Islamists," she complained in 1995.

"There are now armed groups who are out of control in the confusion of war ... When a state delegates its security powers to individuals, the state doesn't exist any more. Now the militias symbolise the privatisation of the war. Some have become little warlords, mafia bands who carry out hold-ups

on the roads ..." Her words appear to have

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Busy time for anti-fun brigade

part from the amazing feats of local football club Rosenborg - conquerous of Blackburn Rovers, AC Milan and Real Madrid in recent seasons - the people of Troudheim have had little to celebrate since the wild parties of the Vikings. The pillaged treasures are long gone, today's oil money flows into southern towns, and when the unquenchable thirst of the Norsemen of old returns on sullen winter nights, there is nowhere to buy a bottle. A mere handful of state-run liquor stores service more than 100,000 throats in office hours. "Service", though, is proba-

bly the wrong word. Laid out as old-fashioned pharmacies, these shops are designed to make the purchasing of alcohol thoroughly unpleasant. You queue er the counter for an eternity, point at a bottle safety locked up in a glass cupboard, and are asked to hand over ludicrous sums of money in exchange.

Scarcity and inflated prices have unwittingly turned booze into a precious commodity, akin to an cibir of life. It is a rare honour to be treated to a drop by a Norwegian host, and it is no good stroking an empty glass for the whole evening; there will be no refill. Unless, of quirse, you are sitting in a living room in Trondheim, Nor-





way's moonshine capital. From nothing but sugar and yeast, galions of spirit are produced on home-made stills. The stuff is invariably foul, though after the third dose the senses are deadened to the yeasty odour and the fruit essences used to mask it. It is very bad manners to salute the "treat" with anything less than boundless delight.

Torway's obsession with penalising alcohol out of existence stems from a 19th-century religious movement. Even today, you cannot get a drink in most villages; hence the spectacle of lobster-pink Norwegians on holiday falling off their deck chairs after one Martini. And the Draconian alcohol laws are tesy of the Christian People's out with their no-smoking everybody else does.

government. The Prime Minister, Kiell Magne Bondevik, hails from the Bible-belt and although he has had himself photographed sipping wine. that out too, erecting no-smokthe zealots in his party are pressing for yet more restrictions. An advert for egg-nog was banned last week, and there are proposals to label spirits as "poison".

But the Christians are re-

luctant to be perceived as killjoys, so in return for making Norway dry, they are offering to use their divine influence to keep the rain clouds at bay. The party wants to instruct priests to revive a Sunday prayer for "good and beneficial weather". But God appears to be moving in mysterious ways. The true believers in the south-west have just experienced their most rotten Easter in living memory. while the heathens of the north have been basking in glorious

Tothing is holier on the Sabbath than a brisk trek up the mountains on skis. The weekly excursions have made Norwegians sickeningly fit and healthy their one saving grace is that they all smoke like chimneys. Not for much longer. The anti-fun brigade have been

Party which rules the coalition stickers, nailing them to public buildings. Addicts have been driven into the freezing forests for a puff, but now a local authority is trying to stub ing signs at the intersections of ski-tracks in the wilderness. Five of these have, however, been stolen. It seems there are some things even Norwegians will not put up with.

or a prosperous little nation with negligible unemployment and a cradle-to-grave welfare system second to none, Norway has a surprisingly rampant crime scene. Aside from the stolen signs, there has been an outbreak of graffiti at Trondheim's brand new theatre, and now comes news of a brazen attempt to smuggle illicit goods into the country. Heroin? you may wonder, or guns?

No. Chickens. One ton of frozen German poultry, to be precise, plus a few legs of lamb found in a van. Subsidies designed to keep Arctic farmers rich have driven up the price of food so even chickens have become intoxicatingly expensive. The owner of the van, a Swede who claimed he was carrying "presents", was fined about £1,000. Next time he should try smuggling alcohol. That is what

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On World Book Day, Boyd Tonkin, Literary Editor, selects 50 works of non-fiction from the last 53 years and says why you should read them

Fifty books to change your life

WHEN IN DOUBT, make a list. teenager to the workforce of With the close of a century and a Oskar Schindler, personal millennium ready to deliver an apoc- accounts have focused the alyptic double whammy, the culture overwhelming facts. of the Nervous Nineties has begun to draw up literary inventories as if 4 Antonio Gramsci: Prison - well, as if there were no tomorrow. They stretch from the patrician As he slowly rotted in Mussolini's (Harold Bloom's The Western Canon) to the populist (the Waterstone's customers who crowned The Lord of the Rings as their Book of the Century). Whatever their height of brow, these pre-millennial scorecards share a tilt towards imaginative 5 Simone de Beauvoir: The literature, and to novels in particular. So here, to celebrate World Book Day, is a fiction-free list to wreck your scale entry of women into the breakfast and cause mayhem over the marmalade.

In date order, I have chosen 50 significant works of non-fiction (also inequality prepared the ground, excluding poetry and dramat pub- but met with scorn from most lished since 1945. In a small, selective and utterly subjective way, they represent something of what has happened in the world - and in the heads of its citizens - since the hot war turned cold. They express (of course) an English speaker's language bias. simpler: this prophetess of peasant From Moscow or Madras leven virtues belped bring Nature back from Manhattan) the view would look different. And, for several crucial genres, one book has to stand for 7 Albert Camus: The Rebel many others, equally definitive.

I include a couple of collections of work written before 1945, but which only reached a general audience in later editions. But I omit so-bleak freedom that promised no called "influential" writings by bullies salvation but offered only its own in power whose readers had precious reward. little choice: so no Little Red Book. even though Mao Tse-tung had 750 million copies printed during his cat- Philosophical Investigations astrophic tyranny. Right or wrong, a bane or a blessing, the choices also rest on a firm foundation of fact or gnomic thinker's jottings paved argument; so no New Age vapourings, either. If you wish to complain. please do. That's the point. I accept in advance every charge of partiality or oversight you may wish to hurl. rules might change at any time. But remember that one big casualty of late 20th-century thought - 9 Claude Lévi-Strauss: Tristes across a broad range of disciplines Tropiques (1955) - has been the very notion of the Slowly, the West learned to disinterested observer.

look? The printed book has yielded great anthropologist's testament some ground to other media. In the proved a landmark on that road. late 1890s, the equivalent list would no doubt have found a special place 10 Roland Barthes: Mythologies for The Origin of Species - not just (1957) a landmark in human thought, but Meanwhile, at home, the new a compelling read as well. But the transmission of Big Ideas has culture, and a quizzical Parisian changed since Darwin's time. You aesthete opened the floodgates of could argue that no single figure has shaped late-20th century lives more than Alan Turing. In deciphering the 11 JK Galbraith: The Affluent Nazis' Enigma codes, he helped the free mind to survive: in his work on electronic computation, he sketched a blueprint for the machines that now run our world. Yet to cite Turing's liberal US economist diagnosed Collected Papers in an exercise like the emerging divide between this would be a silly bit of posturing. private wealth and public squalor. In an age of fragmented expertise, popularisation - itself a subtle skill - creates the necessary link be- Psychoanalysis of Children tween specialist and public. Turing's ideas foom large behind the work of To troubled families, childhood Roger Penrose, which I do mention

Something else has shifted since the last century. Some of the cultural forms that people cherish most have Anna's case - turned their failed to find a proper echo in the attention from the couch to the pages of the book. Think of film, television or popular music. Nothing in the forests of critique and analysis can match the sheer force of the orig- Jerusalem (1961) inals. Those arts demand their own lists - but that's another story for another, pre-millennial morning.

1 Karl Popper: The Open Society and its Enemies (1945) A decisive early shot in the Cold War of the mind, as the polymath philosopher assaulted total thought-systems and their creators - from Plate up to Marx - as the worst foes of freedom.

2 Benjamin Spock: Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care (1946)

As the West's postwar baby-boom got under way, the Bible of parental indulgence arrived on cue to dethrone medical authority and help cosset the most privileged generation in history.

3 Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl (1947)

The world's attempts to grasp the Holocaust have never ceased since the death-camp gates first opened. From the secreted Amsterdam

Notebooks (1947)

jails, the Italian Communist leader planned a more democratic. flexible future for socialism in a plural society. His vision spurred a half-century of reform on the left.

Second Sex (1949)

For centuries to come, the largepublic realm will count as a defining breakthrough of the postwar years. This huge critique of

Mediterranean Food (1950) As people in the West got richer, their tastes grew nostalgically

6 Elizabeth David:

into the bourgeois home.

Breaking with socialism (and with Sartre), the Existential maverick led two generations towards a

8 Ludwig Wittgenstein:

No method, no guru, no plan: the the way for a horde of antitheoretical theorists across the buman sciences. Life - and thought - became a game whose

understand the "Third World" in a What does a list like this over- post-imperial framework; this

mass media forged its own exotic study and analysis.

Society (1958)

Market-led prosperity (for those who enjoyed it) often led to more disquiet than satisfaction: and a

12 Melanie Klein: The

could seem a darker continent than ever (and one often threatened by adult invaders). Freud's children - literally, in

13 Hannah Arendt: Eichmann in

As a captured Nazi faced an Israeli court (and then the noose), this leading émigré thinker took a break from high theory to pinpoint the banality of Europe's

14 Walter Benjamin:

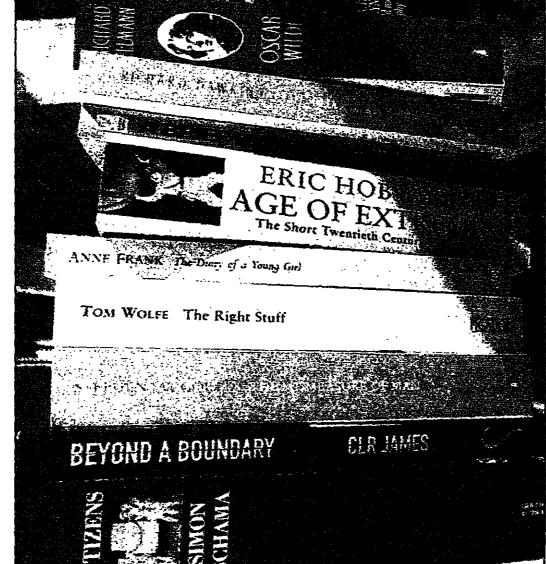
Illuminations (1961) A Weimar German friend of Arendt, dead in his flight from Hitler by 1940; but his posthumously read essays opened a new chapter in the study of modern culture.

15 Frantz Fanon: The Wretched of the Earth (1961) As liberation movements stirred around the ex-colonial globe, they turned to this black French psychiatrist for a grasp of the

16 Michel Foucault: Madness and Civilisation (1961) The austere archaeologist of thought went on to transform

harm that injustice inflicted on

soul as well as body.



ideas about Western philosophy. punishment and sexuality, but this study of the mental asylum's birth helped to hasten its death.

17 Rachel Carson: Silent Spring

A case of being right too early: this prophetic warning of environmental disaster went underground in years of greed, but survived to shape Green activism.

18 Milton Friedman: Capitalism and Freedom (1962) As the left hogged all the intellectual limelight, a freemarket reaction was slowly

brewing. Twenty years on, it would come to an explosive boil.

19 James Baldwin: The Fire Next Time (1963)

These essays from a leading novelist, on the eve of the Black Power era, capture the impatience at broken promises and enduring slights that exposed the flaws in the liberal politics of race.

readers (or parents) begin

vounger and older age-groups.

real letters in real envelopes.

Roald Dahl: The Magic Finger

Ted Hughes: The Iron Man

Clive King: Stig of the Dump

Dr Seuss: The Cat in the Hat

which is also consistently funny.

adventures that follow.

Anthony Browne; Gorilla

Grimms' Fairy Tales

of stories ever.

20 CLR James: Beyond a Boundary (1963)

Not just the finest sports - i.e. cricket - writing of its time but a definitive account of the migrant spirit split between the tropical margins and the imperial metropolis. (Sorry, but Fever Pitch just doesn't hack it in this company.

21 Marshall McLuhan: Understanding Media (1964)

With his passion for change and techno-mysticism, this cheerleader for innovation spoke for his happy-clappy media times. A generation on, the Netheads caught up.

22 Jean-Paul Sartre: Words (1964)

As the militant philosopher well knew, informal texts could weigh as heavily as abstruse theory in the new epoch of confessional self-analysis - and this brilliant childhood memoir proved it.

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Gene Kemp: The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler

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Nicholas Tucker, children's literature specialist at

children's shelves in the bookshop, where should new

Janet and Allan Ahlberg: The Jolly Postmon

meanings becoming clearer at each reading.

An ingenious picture-story, full of jokes, containing

An unforgettable picture book, full of half-hidden

A lesser-known but very satisfying story, leaving plenty

Any edition will do; this must be the best collection

A story with the excitement, occasional moments of

fear and the final resolution of a traditional fairy tale.

The best story about an imaginary friend and all the

Simply the best short story ever written for children.

Catherine Storr: Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf

Riotous pictures plus instantly memorable verse

Witty, clever and confidence-building all at once.

Beatrix Potter: The Tale of Peter Rabbit

23 George Orwell: Collected Essays (1968)

Mostly composed before 1945, of course, but this edition changed the image of its author from wintry Cold War Jeremiah to pioneer of the on-the-hoof socio-cultural commentary that now fills every paper every

24 James Watson: The Double Helix (1968)

A memoir of his Nobel-winning DNA breakthrough made in 1953 with his research partner Francis Crick, and a model of the new accessibility sought by scientific giants.

25 Isaiah Berlin: Four Essays on Liberty (1969)

A classic liberal challenge to idealists and technocrats, but also a premonition of the post-modern fix. Valid principles will conflict, irreconcilably, so you can't always get want you want (though you can try sometimes ...).

26 Maya Angelous I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings (1969) As ideals clash, experience assumes a new authority especially the experience of the insulted and injured (such as a dirt-poor, abused black girl from the South). The "wretched of the

earth" now spoke in their own ...

voices, not via political proxies:

27 Germaine Greer: The Female Eunuch (1970) Women's liberation enters its most

active phase with a fiery yet endite blend of culture and psychology, as old scholarship and new subversiveness combine.

28 Alex Comfort: The Joy of Sex.

As the East waved Mao's thoughts, the West fingered its favourite little handbook to the libidinal economy: a "gourmet guide" that assimilated desire into consumption.

29 Ernst Schumacher: Small is Beautiful (1973)

The costs of consumerism grew more visible, and eco-politics tried to shed what most of the world's people never had anyway. Here, the doctrine of sustainability found its theologian.

30 Alexander Solzhenitsyn: The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956

Telling truths about the barbarous past accelerated the collapse of Stalinism as dogma and system. This epic of moral accountancy gave the process a huge shove.

31 Primo Levi: The Periodic Table (1975)

Not just the most artful of Auschwitz survivors, but a witness who found in the consoling patterns of science a respite from man's cruelties - even though suicide claimed him in the end.

32 Noam Chomsky: Reflections on Language (1976) Wearing his scientific hat, the

lifelong anarchist (and tireless foe of US foreign policy) endowed us with huge inpate gifts of linguistic invention: we're all born free, and hard-wired for creativity.

33 Edward Said: Orientalism

(1977) With an eye on his own people's tragedy, the Palestinian scholar showed how the West had systematically got the East wrong. and so fixed the tone for postcolonial intellectuals everywhere.

34 Willy Brandt (chairman): North-South: a blueprint for survival (1980)

As tensions between the rich and poor worlds rose into a constant fever, the German leader sought to balance the demands of the deprived against the selfish inertia of the haves.

35 Tom Wolfe: The Right Stuff

A savagely shrewd and witty journalist (one mythic figure of the post-war years) turns his gaze on another myth: the heroism of space travel, which beguiled the entire planet and then fell out of the public orbit.

36 Stephen Jay Gould: The Mismeasure of Man (1981) As science grew more specialised, some of its stars fought to keep open its channels to liberal democracy - as in this attack on the abuses of IQ and other

quantifying methods. 37 V S Naipaul: Among the Believers (1981)

Thoughtful travel-writing boomed along with affordable long-haul flights: cultural identity frayed; and Islam staged its surprising resurgence. The nomadic Trinidadian-Indian-Englishman covered all these bases.

Watchmaker (1986) Triumphant neo-Darwinist manifestos didn't come more ruthless or eloquent than this. So the fierce "anti-humanism" that Parisian Marxists had dreamed of in 1968 arrived, courtesy of Anglo-Saxon zoologists.

38 Richard Dawkins: The Blind

39 Allan Bloom: The Closing of the American Mind (1987) The rightward turn in politics sought its liberal-bashing prophets, and this one spawned a generation of rhetorical attacks onmulticulturalism "dumbing

40 Richard Ellmann: Oscar

down", and so on.

A golden age for literary biography saw certain figures acquire more resonance in death than they ever had in life: 100 years on, this one turned from scandal into sage.

41 Jean Baudrillard: Americo

He had seen the future, and it shopped. Like its subject, this typical collage from a PoMo guru managed to be both very profound and totally superficial, all at once.

42 Stephen Hawking: A Brief History of Time (1988) As the humanities seemed to implode into relativism, bigpicture cosmology fed a hunger for enduring truth. This black-hole specialist revived the Newtonian model of the Great Mind scanning the heavens from its (wheel)chair.

43 David Harvey: The Condition of Postmodernity (1989) Spanning culture and economics: this remarkable synthesis argued that, behind the jargon, our reality truly has altered. An important

breakthrough from a geographer. 44 Roger Penrose: The Emperor's New Mind (1989) As micro-computing transformed everyday life, its intellectual fallout spread over a vast area - for instance, into the brain-computer metaphor that drives this

provocative model of how the

45 Simon Schama: Citizens

mind developed.

Narrative history revived, but so did discontent with liberal pieties about the past. This chronicle of the French Revolution peoped the 200th-anniversary party by asking whether the gams were really worth the pain.

46 Jung Chang: Wild Swans (1992) Individual stories, not rival theories, taught the world how state communism failed - as in this blockbuster tale of the women of a storm-tossed Chinese dynasty.

47 Francis Fukuyama: The End of History and the Last Man

In the wake of Soviet collapse, the "unipolar" globe needed an overarching theory; this smooth even smug - paean of praise to market liberalism drew a line in the sands of ideology.

48 James Gleick: Genius: Richard Feynman and modern Physics (1992) An object lesson in high-level

popular science, this biography brought the famously wayward mind behind the new quantum thinking into focus, and showed that the odd wacky maverick could still change the world.

49 Eric Hobsbawm: Age of Extremes: the short 20th century, 1914-1991 (1994) The fin de siècle summings-up began to multiply, but none

managed the mordant eloquence of the radical historian who had been there, done that - and could recall the placards in Berlin announcing Hitler's ascent.

50 Angela Carter: Shaking a Leg (1997)

A bit of a cheat, since these essays on culture and society first appeared from the Sixties to the Eighties: together, they prove that the despised press could breed the best in post-war thinking and writing; and that, in an age of woozy fantasy, witty rationality could still prevail.

If you feel you could suggest a better list of 50 non-fiction books, write to Boyd Tonkin at The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf. London E14 5DL. A crate of champagne for the best selection.



Are you sitting comfortably? Then we'll begin...

ernational designer label talent. That's because miture shown at the Salone del Mobile comes th Attitude, like its designers. The talk of the r this year was the return of applied arts. Not nce William Morris at the turn of the century re we seen such a loc of hand-crafted pattern colour in the home. Even machined masseduction is picking up on hand finishes. It all gan with Droog, the Dutch design company o showed us first at Milan five years ago vases de of felt, a knotted string chair and a rather eepy felt washbowl stitched like something om Silence of the Lambs. Furniture as art has en around as long as Marcel duChamps, but body ever thought Droog would make it into ainstream design and from there, into our omes. Now firms like Rosenthal are putting into oduction some of its pieces.

Plastering soldiers' camouflage uniforms all ver furniture and soft furnishing architect lessandro Mendini subversively showed us in a ent that decoration is nothing but camouflage. ven Philippe Starck, covered his capacious new ofa for Cassina in red rose fabric, albeit wrong de up to give it shabby chic. Models of sofas nd chairs stood about on shapely aluminium or rooden legs shod with aluminium heels or else loved down the catwalks on rollerblades. oluptuous curves and vivid colours on modular ieces pushed together like hotel fover furniture o make interesting configurations.

To pass the style trial for the 21st century. ord Irvine needs to pattern over the Pugin with loog Design's new wallpaper punched with nore holes than a Gruyere cheese. Felt strip hairs, rubber washbasins, glass taps that light up everything is based on industrial materials, ometimes recycled, always with a bit of hand rafting even on factory made pieces. Like the nitted handle on a porcelain teapot made by osenthal, William Morris would understand this nix of industry with arts and crafts, if not the



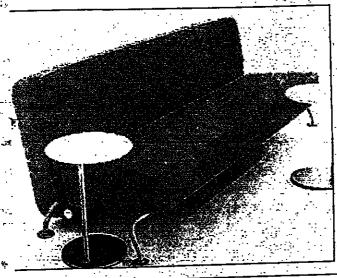


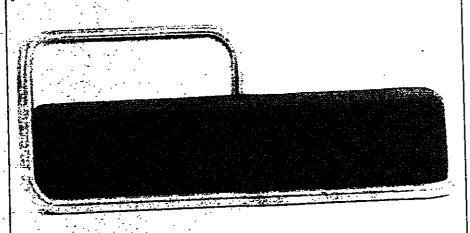
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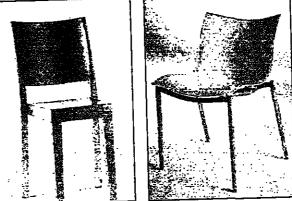
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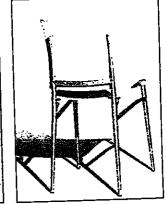
Architect Alessandro Mendini, who designed the Swatch watch shops, mixes different camouflage patterns from military uniforms around the world on everyday objects. Then with Prospero Rasulo he puts the chairs and tables. . shelves and rugs and lampshades inside an Italian Red Cross tent. "The result is a project for peace," Mendini argues. Military camouflage which stems from the need to hide and disappear into nature is inspired by some of the loveliest landscapes.

Verner Panton's 1969 sinuous S bend chair made by Vitra (above) loses its identity beside the other camouflaged everyday objects. Reversing what he calls "the cruel sense of military camouflage" Mendini labels the collection eco-chic.









Starck Clones...Three new chairs launched at the Milan Fair, all by Starck for three different companies have a certain Starckness of silhouette. From left: Starck for Kartell opening their own shop inside Selfridges in September; 'Chameleon' for Driade at Viaduct Tel 278 8456; 'Miss C.O.C.O.' for Cassina at Co-Existence 0171 354 8817.



Brit-Design staged by the British Council at its HQ in

Milan showed protocypes by students from Bucking-

ham College, Mo-billy, a play on the Italian for furni-

ture, mobile, was curated by Habitat's head of design,

Tom Dixon. His 'Jack' light which doubles as a stool is

made from traffic bollard material mixed with a phos-

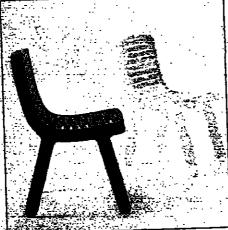
phorescent pigment. Asked on Italian TV where Cool

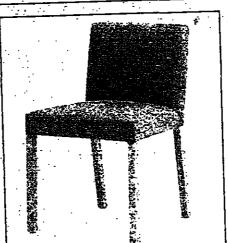
replied " Dunno. But I'm going home". The object of

the student project wasn't to find a home for the pro-

totypes so much as to" raise the profile of British de-

Britannia was going, Dixon unclipped his mike and







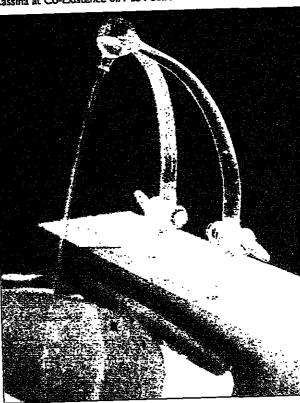


Tom Dixon 'Hoop' chaise longue for SCP in Bute fabric £3090

2nd row left to right, Ross Lovegrove's 'Bluebell' chair for Driade from Viaduct Tel 278 8456 Michael Young's MY 68 chair for Sawaya & Moroni

Milan Tel 02 86395 Jasper Morrison 'Pharmacy' chair upholstered in Bute fabrics designed for the restaurant and made by The best of British design from Milan, top row left SCP for £54

Marthew Hilton's 'Mercury' sofa for Driade at



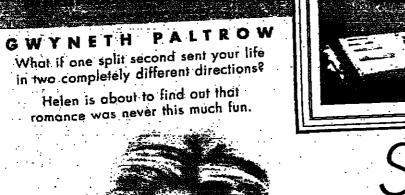


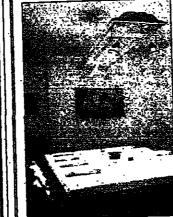
by Gjis Baker for Droog in paper rolls of 500 x 70 cms is polka-dotted with holes of different circumference. Contact Droog Design Foundation in Amsterdam

Fax 31 20 638 88 28 Left: Droog's dd 49 glass taps by Arnout Visser. The temperature of the water is made visible by coloured light.



What if one split second sent your life in two completely different directions?





sign" says British Council director in Milan, Gill

in the eighties, building up long term relationships

bly boucle wools, available at SCP: tel 739 1869.

easily as moving the handle in the middle.

Caldicotte In truth, British designers conquered Milan

with manufacturers. This year Sheridan Coakley from

SCP Designs launched a collection of British designer

furniture with Scottish Bute fabrics in fashionable bob-

James Irvine's sofa-bed for B & B Italia flattens as

'The quality of light is more important Sir Norman Foster than the fitting'

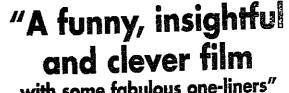
enough light to brighten up a passage or to read a book. But what about the poetic dimensions of light? The changing nature of an overcast sky, the discovery of shade, the ural illumination. lightness of a patch of sunlight.?" Norman Fos-

Ra lighting system by Norman Foster for Artemide is enough to make the sun god blink. Rather obtrusively bolted onto the ceiling like an overhead sun-bed, it can be installed less obtrusively in a false ceiling. It addresses

"Any engineer can quantify and produce Artemide's expressed aim to produce a light that adapts to the various needs of people, a light that like daylight changes levels and maintains the spectrum of tones and nuances of nat-

> It's a thoroughly architectural installation. Norman Foster explains that he wants offices to be more like home and home to be more like the office.

> By controlling the quality of the light he hopes to bring about this change in the working environment



with some fabulous one-liners"



Romance was never this much fun

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G WYNETH PALTROW

Getting sweaty over exercising advice

these days we often find ourselves in a cleft stick. Part of us knows that every bit of advice they give us is liable to be overturned by some new piece of research produced by some poly-turned-university the following day; we no longer trust our doctor's advice, in other words, and freely chuck down too many of his pills, or drink alcohol with anti-biotics or tranquillisers, or chuck his prescription in the wastepaper basket, knowing that nothing very desperate is likely to happen to us. But part of us also sees the doctor as a god. So when he puts his fingers together and says: "Hmm, how much do you really drink? Smoke? Exercise?" we feel like naughty schoolchildren. and go home teeling, like Dani, full of guilt and confusion. She "should" exercise. Who knows what might happen to her in her old age if she doesn't? She might seize up and pack up like a rusty, unused old car.

The passion for exercise is soon someone will come up one that has not been with us long. Victorian ladies were never told to exercise except for a bit of leisurely walking from one end of the large country house to the other. There is no question that it improves muscle-tone, circulation and so on. But so what? And have people looked if she's fit and well, then why enough at the disadvantages of exercise? The jog-deaths. the syndrome that means that swimming, jogging, voga, if you run on pavements you splinter your bones or something, or grind away your kneecaps. I know a couple of exercisers who now can bare- I to the idea that exercise does caps into non-existence as ly walk because they have you good. And where did it

READERS REPLIES

her doctor and ask what the relative risks are

of her continuing the current lifestyle and of changing it in the way suggested. Only then will she have the necessary information for cal-

culating a solution. The calculation can also

include her own values and attitudes. She might also bear in mind that her doctor's definitions

of "perfectly healthy" and "fit" might be dif-

NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA

Dear Virginia, I'm 46 and have decided

to apply for a new job, but I have met

experienced ageism at work? And do

you think it would be a good idea to lie

about my age on any other CVs I write?

with brick walls everywhere. It seems it

ferent from hers.

est in sport whatsoever.

I look quite young.

WHEN we go to the doctor's Although she is healthy, on hearing she has a sedentary job Dani's doctor told her she should work out more. She hates the idea. What should she do?

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VIRGINIA IRONSIDE

quite literally run themselves into the ground. The latest advice is that brisk walking is the best, but

with a good reason to avoid

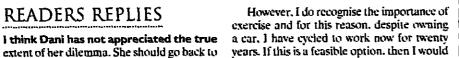
Dani's perfectly fit and well. My own feeling is that if there's nothing wrong with her it's best to leave well alone. Even if she scores heroin every night, drinks a bottle of whisky and smokes forty a day. mess around with the status quo? Like everyone I've tried gyms, aerobics and the works: even, once, to my utter shame and embarrassment, a personal trainer, so enslaved was

get me? Nowhere. I feit just as grotty and sluggish as I did the day I started. Those endorphias that I'd been promised simply failed to ma-

Far from producing endorphins I produced only chemicals that resulted in rage, misery, cold, irritation and exhaustion, not to mention a considerably lighter purse. Not for me the pleasant after-glow of the work-out. Like Dani, I guess I'm just not an exercise person.

I read a lovely piece of research recently (probably from another of the aforementioned establishments) that said that a doctor had done trials on medical students. One group he asked to exercise their little fingers daily; the other he asked to imagine exercising them. The result was that the exercising lot developed 30 per cent more strength in the little fingers, but the non-exercising lot

still developed to per cent. My advice to Dani, if she wants to get fit, is to keep on dreaming. Imagine running up and down mountains, along rivers, pounding under fresh waterfalls, speeding over lush meadows, on and on. It'll probably do her no end of good. The only problem is that she may visualise her knee-



recommend Dani to do likewise. Eric Fuch, Bucks.

Like Dani I don't like exercise for the sake of it, but I think I keep fit simply by walking everywhere - to the shops, to work etc. Using a brisk pace one feels much fresber after

The problem is the doctor's, not Dani's. Her doctor might be a particularly old-fash-Dani should follow good American advice: if ioned, authoritarian, paternalistic type, but it ain't bust, don't fix it. When healthy peomost of us today present our patients with ple take exercise their metabolism leads them choices and leave them to make a decision that fits with their own hopes and aspirations for to take more; since this is clearly not on Dani's quality and length of life. Dr. A R Cadamy agenda. I would say don't bother. So, the advice for Dani is to go on as now: it obviously Along with Dani, I too am middle-aged, works. However, there might be one small exhate exercise and in addition have no interperiment worth trying. This is to go upstairs, if and when necessary, two at a time instead of one. It could combine possibly enhanced feelings of good health with satisfaction at reducing by half the time spent on unavoidable

Letters are welcome, and everyone who has a suggestion quoted will be sent a bouquet from is because of my age. Have other people Interflore. Send comments and suggestions to Virginia Ironside at the Features Department, The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL (fac 0171-293 2182), by Tues-

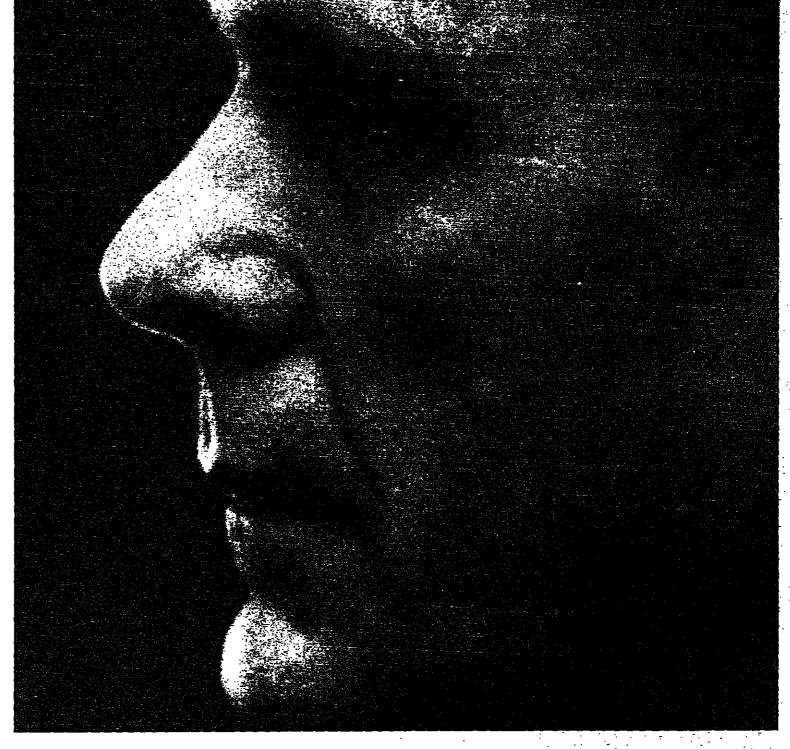
day morning. If you have a dilemma of your own

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that you would like to share, please [

Yours, Kate let me know.



Dr Ian Oliver: 'An unshakeable belief in himself and a skin an elephant would envy'

Photograph: Jeff Mitchell

Crimes...and punishment

An uncertain future faces Dr lan Oliver, a chief constable who got into one scrap too many. Jason Bennetto traces his rise to power and his sudden fall a

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EIGHT years ago, when Ian Oliver was awarded the top post at Grampian police force in north-east Scotland, his brilliant career was in full swing. Already a chief constable at the age of 39, he looked set to pick up one of the country's most prestigious policing jobs: he had been tipped as a future Commissioner of the Metropolitan force in London.

Intelligent - he has PhDs in law and public administration - ambitious, and media friendly, he seemed to have all the necessary ingredients for success. But in the past two years his apparently unstoppable march forward has faltered. stumbled, and this week finally collapsed after both his police board and the Secretary of State for Scotland called for his resignation following a highly critical report into the handling of a child murder inquiry.

On Tuesday the Scottish councillors who make up the police selection board turned down Dr Oliver's offer to bring forward his early retirement and step down immediately. Instead they plan to use disciplinary procedures to force him to retire at a meeting a week tomorrow, In an unprecedented and very public row, both sides are refusing to back down in what has become a personal battle of

His growing number of critics believe he was an arrogant egotist who overreached himself and finally self-

Dr Oliver, 58, believes he is the victim of jealous and scheming politicians who wanted him out of the way because he had become troublesome and posed a stumbling block to their greater ambitions.

Whatever the truth, he has shown an unshakeable belief in himself along with a skin an elephant would envy. Throughout his decline, whether it was allegations of sexual impropriety, dereliction of duty or plain incompetence. he has given the impression that his accusers were irritants barely worthy of his

A police insider commented: "He's outspoken and a maverick. He's extremely intelligent and never backs down - it's this arrogance that has caused

What took his various run-ins into a comments on issues such as drugs and new league was the spectacular war of words he has waged in the past few months with the two most powerful politicians in Scotland, culminating in Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State, telling Dr Oliver on Monday to "pack his bags and go now".

Born in west London in 1940, he followed his father, a Metropolitan police constable whose bravery and dedication were recognised with a George Medal, into the job. At 21 he joined the Met. and the year before his promotion to sergeant in 1965, he married Elsie Chalmers, a police constable. While at the Met he was awarded a scholarship which enabled him to take a law degree and later a PhD. He rapidly scaled the ranks, becoming a superintendent by 1976, a chief superintendent a year later with Northumbria constabulary, and assistant chief constable the following year.

By the time he was 39. Oliver had been

Scotland - the youngest to reach that -

He found it hard to hide his disdain

for running such a small force and in

1990 was lured to the top job at

Grampian police by the chance of over-

seeing such high-profile assignments as

security for the Royal Family at Balmoral

at Grampian he started to develop a rep-

utation for being aloof and unwilling to

go along with all the usual niceties of

being a chief constable. At meetings he

has been known to pick up a newspaper,

But despite his vision and intellect.

and policing North Sea oil rigs.

promoted to chief constable of Central

rank in Scotland.

ruffled feathers after he started random drug testing for his officers. He also earned the nick-name "Dr Who" at his Abordeen headquarters for his apparent fondness for conferences and trips abroad. "He seemed more interested in jetting off to conferences than running a police force," said a colleague.

"He gets frustrated with his work his ideal job is probably a professor of criminology at Harvard University," an insider said.

His first real setback came in August 1996 when he failed to be short-listed for chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Rather than accept the decision, he wrote to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, demanding an explanation. It later emerged that the reason for his exclusion was because he had not completed a senior command

handling of the case by social services was published. He also said Grampian's internal inquiry into the murder was inadequate and ordered another chief constable to conduct an independent investigation. Dr Oliver retaliated by accusing Mr McLeish of making "intemperate" comments.

His reputation suffered a very different blow in February when the Sun newspaper published a photograph of the chief constable kissing a 26-year-old married mother of two. The week following the publication of the photograph Dr Oliver stayed inside his home, virtually under siege from the reporters and camera crews.

But the most damaging episode was (to come earlier this week, with the publication of an independent report into Grampian's handling of the Scott Simpson case. Far from supporting Dr Oliver's claim that his force had done nothing wrong, it listed a catalogue of incompetence, compounded by lack of leadership. It said a subsequent internal inquiry seemed to be aimed at covering up the truth.

Donald Dewar suggested Mr Oliver should "pack his bags". The Secretary of State has consistently used the title of "Mr", rather than the preferred "Dr", to the irritation of the chief constable who believes it is a deliberate

Dr Oliver believes part of Mr Dewar's desire to see him go is because he is viewed as an opponent of Mr Dewar's plans for a reformed Scottish police system, possibly leading to a national force. This theory was given added weight by the announcement yesterday by Mr Dewar of a root and branch review of the structure of Scotland's eight police forces.

The police chief's lack of tact and "respect" in dealing with the 15-strong Grampian police board also appears to have seriously back-fired and it seems it will take a miracle - or some extraordinary persuasion - to save his police career next Friday. But as a source at the board said the board members are not in a mood for reconciliation. They are not interested in doing any "deals" he said. "It has become more of a mat-

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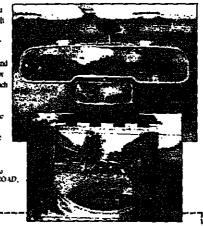
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or stare out the window, as soon as he had finished his business. It was also while he was at Grampian that he converted to evangelical Christianity at a Billy Graham rally. He become known for his outspoken

course. Rejection number two came in the form of the hotly-contested post of Britain's first "drugs tsar", which went to fellow chief constable, Keith Hellawell.

Skirmishes with politicians began with Alex Salmond, the Scottish Nationalist Party leader, who called for Dr Oliver's resignation when, in the wake of the Dunblane tragedy, he said a ban on handguns would be unworkable. But it was his handling of the case

of Scott Simpson, the nine-year-old boy killed by the known paedophile Steven Leisk in July last year in Aberdeen, that was to bring his eventual downfall and . a very public slanging match with government ministers.

The first clash came in January when Henry McLeish, Scottish home affairs minister, said he was "astonished and angry" that Dr Oliver was at a conference in Taiwan when a report into the



· Charles Lang

ONE OF Hollywood's finest gel (1937). His first film for cameramen, with over 150 fea- Mitchell Leisen, Cradle Song tures to his credit, Charles Lang became a master of black-andwhite photography during the 23 years he was under contract er Dietrich. "She had a face like to Paramount, his delicate tex- Dietrich," said Lang, tures and artful use of light and shadow making him a favourite of leading ladies.

His work was admired by such leading directors as Mitchell Leisen, Billy Wilder and Menry Hathaway, and when he moved into colour he produced such stunningly photographed westerns as Gunfight at the OK Corral and One-Eyed Jacks. Highly esteemed by his peers, he won the Academy Award in 1932 for A Farewell to Arms and was nominated a further 16

Born Charles Bryant Lang Jar in Bluff, Utah, in 1902, be attended Lincoln High School and briefly studied law at the University of Southern California before finding work as a laboratory assistant at the Re- cal and commercial hit based on alart Studio in 1919, graduating Maxwell Anderson's stage fanto assistant cameraman on ilent movies. In 1922 he moved Preferred Pictures as a still photographer and the following year joined Paramount as an assistant cameraman. When his first solo work as cameraman. Ritzy (1925), proved disappointing he returned to working as an assistant while perfecting his craft, and when he photographed The Shopworn Angel (1928) and Innocents of Paris (1929) the results were impressive enough for the studio to give him a long-term contract as director of photography. - he was to stay with them until 1952, after which he freelanced until his final film, Forty

Carats, in 1973. Paramount, heavily influenced by their contract directors for several minutes until they irnst Lubitsch and Josef Von turn to enter a salon. In order Sternberg, were considered to have the best photographed transparent without resorting to films in the industry. Lang laboratory work, Leisen and worked on several films with the Lang duplicated pieces of the director John Cromwell, in- set in black velvet, put a mirror cluding Street of Chance (1930), in front of March that was only Unfaithful (1931) and The Vice 30 per cent silvered so they could Squad (1931), before his Oscar-shoot through it, then lit up winning work on Frank certain portions of the black set Borzage's A Farewell to Arms, its which reflected in the mirror emotional intensity aided im- superimposed over the actor. measurably by the romantic ... Hathaway's Peier Ibbetson

Mae West in She Done Him. res, including action films Wrong (1934) and Marlene Hathaway's Lives of a Bengal sire (1936) and Lubitsch's Art. (1937) and Spawn of the North Arise My Love (1941), No Time Autumn Leaves), Rita Hay- urbia of Lang's The Big Heat California 3 April 1998.

(1933), starred the German actress Dorothea Wieck; who the studio hoped might be anoth-

small-boned but with very sharp fea-tures. You lit Dietrich with one very high key light, far away and with very little or no fill light, which is what gave that fantastic modelling to her cheek-bones and eye sockets. We could have done the same thing with Wieck but we wanted a softer effect so we used

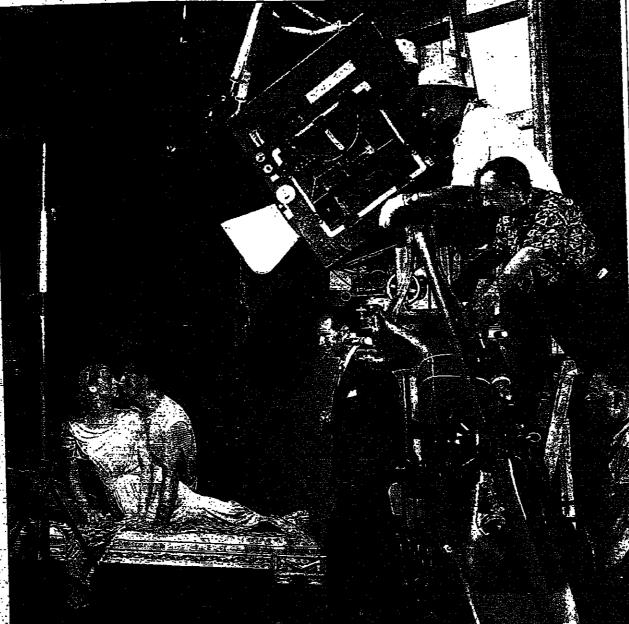
Lang and Leisen were to have a rewarding partnership at the studio ("Mitch had definite ideas about what he wanted. He'd tell me what lens to use.

... the only thing he didn't control was the lighting. He left that to me and always gave me plenty of time to get what I wanted"). Lang became notorious for his slowness in setting up shots, but results were his justification. On Leisen's Death Takes a Holiday (1934), a crititasy in which Death takes on human form for three days to discover why humans fear him so, Lang's lyrical camerawork and Ernst Fegté's beautiful art direction produced a visual masterpiece. Fegté was to tell the writer David Chierichetti

Every so often in the heyday times, a group of compatible people got to-gether on a picture and they were so sensitive and aware of each other's. talents that it was wonderful. Mitch, myself and Charlie Lang were an

Near the start of the film, when a group of aristocrats arrive at their palazzo, Lang's camera pulls back farther and farther for an elaborate crane shot that precedes the group down an enormous corridor pi (1935) and Doctor Rhythm to make Death (Fredric March)

aura imparted by Lang's (1935) was another fantasy that exquisite translucent lighting. benefited from the Lang touch, He became the favourite of but, like afteraftsmen of the era. ographed he was equally fine in all gen-



Cameraman of choice: Lang, standing under camera, during filming of a scene from Salome (1953). William Dieterle, upper right, directs; Rita Hayworth stars as Salome opposite Stewart Granger (Claudius)

the Bing Crosby vehicles We're Not Dressing (1934), Mississip-

He worked with Leisen for the first time since Death Takes a Holiday.when Claudette Colbert requested him for Midnight (1939), the sparkling comedy written by Billy Wilder and Charles Brackett. Lang was one of the few people in Hollywood who claims that Colbert was right in insisting that only the left side of her face be photographed:

The right side of her face had several problems, including a fairly deep scar on the right side of her mouth ... full face could be all right if the light came from the left side, but we didn't do it very often.

(1939) - and musicals such as for Love (1943) and Practically Yours (1944). The last was a weak comedy co-starring Fred MacMurray, who told Colbert, There's one thing wrong with this picture - we're both too damned old for it." In order to make Colbert, nearly 40, look

suitably juvenile, Lang used a key light above her head at a sharp angle. Generally the sharper the angle the more flattering the light but we had to be careful that the shadow from the nose didn't run into the mouth. Since Claudette has a flat nose, I could place her key light at a sharp angle without worrying about the shadow on her upper lip. Then I filled it in with a broad but much weaker light so there was still that beautiful modelling on her cheeks. When he started to free-

lance, Lang's skill was to make him the choice cameraman of Lang photographed Colbert Crawford (Sudden Fear, Female landscapes of Wilder's Ace in the in three more Loisen films, on the Beach. Queen Bee and Hole (1951) and the venal sub-

worth (Salome, Separate Tables) and Audrey Hepburn. whom he first photographed in Wilder's Sabrina (1954). Hepburn developed heavily ringed eyes fairly early in her career, doubtless due to the malnutrition she suffered as a child in Nazi-occupied Holland, and Lang was her cameraman on Charade (1963), How to Steal a Million (1966) and Wait Until Dark (1967).

Lang first worked in colour with Hathaway's Shepherd of the Hills (1941), filmed in gorgeous pastel shades, and was cophotographer of Blue Skies (1946) and the sumptuous melodrama Desen Fury (1947). He also adapted well to the harsher demands of film noir ladies such as Joan with his depiction of the arid

(1953). He used unusually rich contrast for Wilder's Some Like It Hot (1959), displaying in his photography of Marilyn Monroe his flair for maintaining facial clarity while softening the image without blatant diffusion. But it is for his softer style

of black-and-white that he will be best remembered, perhaps nowhere better displayed than in two fine ghost stories set against the shores of Cornwall. the ethereal moodiness of Lewis Allen's The Uninvited (1943), and the captivating use of chiaroscuro in Joseph Mankiewicz's The Ghost and Mrs Muir (1947).

Tom Vallance

Charles Bryant Lang, cinematogra-1902; died Santa Monico,

Keith Sword

the leading British specialists on contemporary Poland as well as on the history of the Polish

diaspora in Britain. Having completed his PhD thesis in 1982 in Social Anthropology at Sussex University he became a Research Fellow at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University, working on the Polish Migration Project. The project, funded by grants from the M.B. Grabowski Fund, the Leverhulme Foundation and the Federation of Poles in Britain, began in 1982 and produced several substantial publications all authored by Sword: The Formation of the Polish Community in Great Britain 1939-50 (1989, with Jan Ciechanowski and Norman Davies); Deportation and Exile: Poles in the Soviet Union 1939-1948 (1994): and Identity in Flux: the Polish community in Britain (1996).

Since 1995 the project has concentrated on migration after 1989 and has been concerned with cross-border migration, refugees, repatripublished: The Challenge for Poland of East-West Migration (1998). This most recent research has sadly been cut off at a point where Sword was breaking new ground and creating new models; he used Poland as a means of understanding future phenomena that may well occur along the borders of the expanded European Union.

In September 1995 he was appointed to a permanent position at the School as Lecturer in Sociology. Since 1988 he was responsible for the organisation of several series of Polish seminars which covered almost every aspect of Polish history, politics, society and culture and brought together members of the school with



Sword: Polish diaspora

KEITH SWORD was one of those of the Polish community who attended regularly.

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Keith Sword will be remembered as a scholar who not only occupied himself with minority fields but who was able to relate his studies to the wider field. He was a scholar with a special interest in Poland rather than one whose interests were limited to Poland. Furthermore, he saw clearly how minority, and often neglected, subjects - such as Poland - underpinned our understanding of the larger (Russia, Germany). He produced pioneering research which will be of lasting value not only in Britain but to Polish scholars working in Poland, because he was able to provide the models and the essential comparative context. As an outsider writing in English he possessed an objectivity often lacking in Polish scholarship. He was unemotional and always fair when dealing with emotive Polish issues.

At the same time he was extraordinarily dedicated to the individuals whom he studied and became personally involved with the concerns of the Polish ates and traders. A further community. His knowledge of book, edited with Krystyna Polish history and his fluency Iglicka-Okolska, will shortly be in spoken Polish enabled him to cross cultural barriers and understand another's position. They also enabled him to make use of primary sources: as archives in Poland opened up after the fall of Communism, he was fully equipped to exploit them.

Sword was a great interdisciplinarian; his first degree had been in English Literature; be was as much a historian as he was a social anthropologist; his approach to Polish history contributed enormously to our understanding of contemporary Polish problems. Working in a minority field

can be an isolating experience. Keith Sword should be remembered for his conscientiousness, courage and commitment. He was not only committed to his work, but to people: he had an old-fashioned sense of duty to others, as was illustrated by the energy he put into his role as secretary of the SSEES branch of the Association of University Teachers, and by his dedication both to his subject and to his students and colleagues.

Ursula Phillips

Keith Sword, social anthropologist: born Southampton 26 February Hove, East Sussex 6 April 1998.

The Rev Professor Norman Whybray

THE DEATH of Norman Whybray has brought to a sudden end the very productive career of one of the senior figures in British Old Testament scholarship. He was already in his forties before his first major scholarly work appeared, but thereafter he managed to write more than 15 scholarly books and numerous articles for which he justly acquired a very high reputation both in Britain and internationally.

Whybray spent over 10 years in Japan, and his first wife was French, but he remained at heart a very English figure. He also remained attached to the andards and values he acquired in his early life, and there were certainly aspects of the



modern world that he found un-

congenial

Born at East Molesey, Surrey, in 1923, he received his secondary education at Kingston

the Second World War, where he read French and then Theology. After ordination training at Lincoln Theological College, he was ordained deacon in the Church of England in 1946, and priest in 1947. He served a curacy at St Michael's, Basingstoke, held teaching posts at General Theological Seminary in New York and at Queen's College, Birmingham, and then in 1952 was appointed Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Central Theological College, Tokyo.

While he and his first wife, Hélène, enjoyed their life in Japan, it was no doubt difficult for him in the circumstances in

Grammar School. He was at which he found himself to pur-Keble College, Oxford, during sue high-level research, and he returned to Oxford in 1960 for a two-year period to read for a DPhil under Professor Sir Godfrey Driver. The thesis that he prepared was published in 1965 under the title Wisdom in Proverbs: the concept of wisdom in Proverbs 1-9, and it was with this publication that he first began to establish his reputation as an Old Testament scholar. He returned permanently to England in 1965 to take up a post as Lecturer in the Department of Theology at Hull University; he was promoted to Reader in 1969 and was appointed Professor of Hebrew and Old

Testament Studies in 1978. Whybray's time at Hull was

a particularly fruitful period of his life. His teaching duties were not onerous, and he was able to devote the greater part of his considerable energy to research. His earlier work on Proverbs was followed by a series of studies on the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, including commentaries on Ecclesiastes (1989) and Proverbs (1994). His book The Intellectual Tradition in the Old Testament (1974), which offered a radical critique of the views then current concerning the place of wisdom in Israelite society, was especially influential, and it is probably his work on the wisdom literature that represents his most important contribution to the study of the Old Testament.

He did not neglect other areas. He published a number of studies concerned with Isaiah 40-66, including a major commentary (1975), while in his The Making of the Pentateuch: a methodological study (1987) he devoted his attention to a topic that is of considerable interest at present. For his contribution to Old Testament scholarship he was awarded the Burkitt Medal by the British Academy in 1997.

Whybray was a pillar of the British Society for Old Testament Study, and he was elected its President for 1982. In that same year he took early retirement and moved to Ely, where he stayed for the remainder of his life. Not the least of the rea-

sons that led him to retire early was a reluctance to take on increased administrative duties and a wish to be able to devote all his time to research. In the latter aim he was successful. He continued to be extremely productive as a scholar, and he also found time to edit the series of Old Testament Guides, which are now widely used and are extremely helpful. Norman Whybray met

Hélène Weill at a Student Christian Movement conference in France shortly after the war, and they married in 1948. Her early death in 1978 and that of their adopted son Peter in 1990 were severe blows which profoundly affected him. But by chance he was to meet again

Mary Carmack, a friend whom he had known some 30 years previously. They married in 1979 and enjoyed 19 very happy years together.

Michael Knibb

Roger Norman Whybray, priest and Old Testament scholar: born East Molesey, Surrey 26 July 1923; ordained deacon 1946, priest 1947; Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Central Theological Seminary, Tokyo 1952-65; Lecturer in Theology, Hull University 1965-69. Reader in Theology, 1969-78, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Studies 1978-82; married 1948 Hélène Weill (died 1978; one adopted son deceased), 1979 Mary Carmack; died Salisbury, Wiltshire 15 April 1998.

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former chairman, -Clydesdale Bank, 78; Mr Peter Young, High Commissioner to the Bahamas, 59.

Anniversaries Births: William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, 1564; Joseph Mallord William Tirrier, painter, 1775; Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov.

writer and lepidopterist. 1899.

Deaths: William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, 1616; Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, writer, 1616; William Wordsworth, poet, 1850; Rupert Chawner Brooke, poet, 1915; Rupert Chawner Broads, poet, 1915, Larry "Buster" Crabbe (Clarence Lindon Crabbe), swimmer and actor, 1983; Ono Preminger, film director, 1986. On this day: plans for a Channel Tunnel were turned down by Queen Victoria and Empero Napoleon III of France, 1867; the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre was opened at Stratford-on-Avon, 1932. Today is St George's Day and the Feast Day of St Adalbert (Voitech) of Prague, Saints Felix, Fortunatus and Achilleus, St Gerard of Toul and

Lectures National Gallery: Marion Carlisle, "Roads and Ways (iv): An Autumn Landscape with a View of Het Steen

Victoria and Albert Museum Catherine Wilson, "The Raphael Cartoons", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Celina Fox, "Turner's London", a.30pm.

Dinners

Mary Rose Trust The Prince of Wales, President, Mary Rose Trust, attended a dinner held yesterday evening on board HMS Victory, Portsmouth, Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Brigstocke were the hosts.

LAW REPORT: 23 APRIL 1998

Sentences passed separately will be aggregated to a total sentence of four years' concurrent should be treated as tences passed on the same oc-

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department and another, ex parte François; House of Lords (Lord Browne Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Notan, Lord Hope of Craighead. Lord Hutton) 12 March 1998 WHEN calculating a prisoner's

non-parole release date under section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, consecutive sentences imposed on different occasions were to be aggregated. The House of Lords dis-

missed the appellant's appeal against the dismissal by the Divisional Court (Law Report, 17 April 1997) of his application for judicial review, challenging the prison authorities calculation of his release date.

The appellant had been sentenced on 5 August 1993 to a total of 19 months' imprisonment. On 7 January 1994 a different court had sentenced him

imprisonment, consecutive to the sentence of 19 months. Section 33(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 provided

that it was the duty of the Home Secretary to release on licence a short-term prisoner. sentenced to a term of 12 months or more, as soon as he had served half his sentence. and to release on licence a long-term prisoner as soon as he had served two-thirds of his septence. Section 33(5) provided that a long-term prisoner was one serving a sentence treated separately, then his of four years or more, and a short-term prisoner was one serving a sentence of less than

four years. Section 51(2) of the Act provided that for the purposes of any reference in that Part of the Act to a term of imprisonment, consecutive terms and terms which were wholly or partly

a single term. Adrian Fulford QC and Martin Soor-

joo (instructed by Breeze Benton & Co) for the applicant; Nigel Pleming QC and Steven Kovats (Treasury Solicitor) for the respondents. Lord Slynn said that it was

agreed that if the two terms of 19 months and four years were to be treated as a single term, then the appellant's early release date was 19 April 1997. If, on the other hand, the two groups of sentences were to be calculated release date from the 19-month sentence was 19 May 1994, and that from the four-year sentence was 13 January 1997.

It had been submitted for the appellant that section 51(2) of the 1991 Act as a matter of ordinary language could only be taken as referring to sentively increase "the sentence".

tion contended for by the respondents was contrary to principle in that it resulted in a sentence once passed being increased as a result of the prisoner's status being changed on a subsequent sentence.

That argument could not be accepted. In the first place, the language of section 51(2) was clear - terms of imprisonment whether consecutive or concurrent were to be treated as one term for the purposes of Part II of the Act. It was neither necessary nor permissible to read in the words "but only if the sentences are imposed by the same court on the same

Moreover, the result of a prisoner being converted from a short-term prisoner to a longterm prisoner did not retrospec-

What it did was to postpone the period of early release.

It was obviously desirable that a prisoner should be told the potential length of his imprisonment, but there was no difficulty in a judge telling him on sentence that if, before the first sentence was completed, he received a further sentence which brought the total sentence for both offences to four years or more, he would have to serve

two-thirds of the total sentence. It would be a matter for the judge in each case to decide whether the sentence which he otherwise considered appropriate for the second offence should be reduced to allow for the fact that the prisoner would spend extra time in prison in respect of the first offence, because the penalty on the second offence had converted

him into a long-term prisoner. Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

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But they should have told us

BEFORE LABOUR ministers get carried away with the philosophical possibilities of the "Third Way" they might like to get back to some of the basics on which they were elected - openness above all. Whatever its destructive potential in other contexts might be, the five kilograms of highly radioactive nuclear materials that will shortly arrive at Dounreay by US military aircraft from Georgia are more than sufficient to blow a hole in the Government's credibility. Ministers have implied that the transfer and the secreey surrounding it were both in some way inevitable. That is not quite right. Let us make some basic points.

First, no reasonable person could have any quarrel with the removal of deadly waste from countries like Georgia. It is a good thing that it is leaving that troubled part of the world. Would that less nuclear material were being produced by the dangerous and fragmented leftovers of the Soviet Union's nuclear energy programme. We cannot forget the experience and the lessons from the Chemobyl explosion, the site of which, as this newspaper recently revealed, is increasingly unsafe. The dangers from the installations in the old Eastern bloc are quite as terrifying in their potency as any other environmental or economic threat. Above all we should always have an open mind, an open door and an open wallet when it comes to dealing with this problem. So the Government is right to move the waste.

Second, so long as Dounreay really is a safe holding destination, we do not begrudge this small amount of material arriving in Scotland. The British, the Americans and the French and others should all take more nuclear waste. Of course we should not have to bear all of the burden and there are important questions here that can only be answered by a comprehensive agreement on how the nuclear powers allocate responsibilities and share costs. The fact that American protesters have effectively shifted the problem to us will not be lost on politicians or pressure groups. Third, this material should go to Dounreay only for storage. The permission to reprocess the radioactive waste is up to the regulatory authorities. Thus far, we have some anxieties but no disagreement in principle with the Gov-

But Parliament should have been told. The Prime Minister says that a statement couldn't be made before but that it would have been made on the day the stuff arrived. Really? Of course, details which would really compromise national security shouldn't be bandied around. But the threat here was less terrorism than a Greenpeace protest dominating BBC television headlines. And that isn't nearly reason enough to hide an important and controversial act of public policy. The only reason the government came to the House of Commons to give a statement is because the local MP, Robert Maciennan, made them do so. The only reason he, his constituents, and the rest of us know anything at all about this affair is because the information became public knowledge via the New York Post (not a high circulation figure in the far north of Scotland). There is a simple and overriding obligation on the Government to tell people what is going on. We had thought better of the Government.

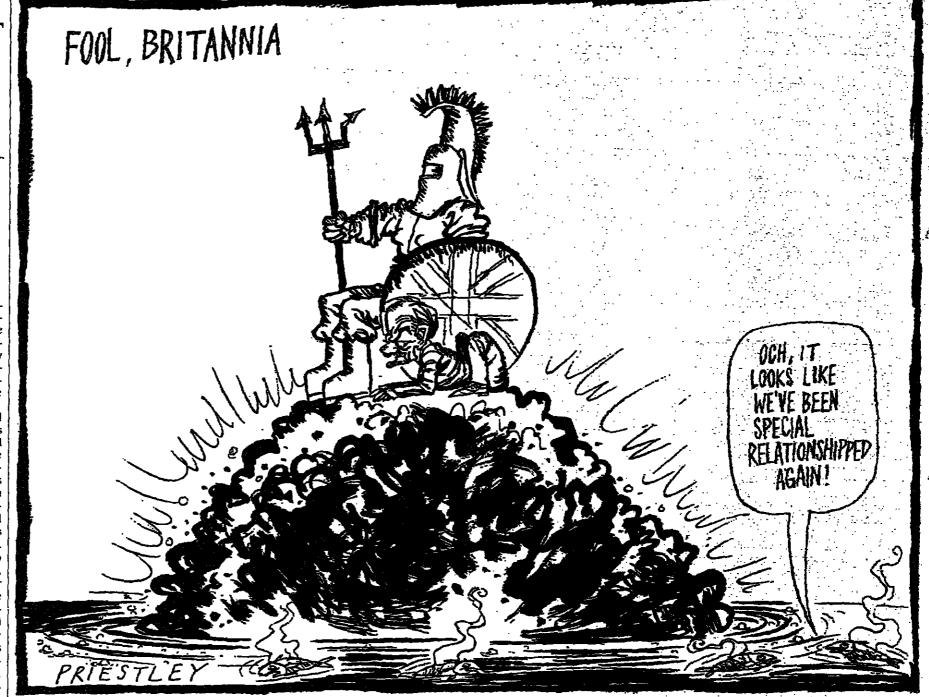
The argument deployed by ministers that the material would eventually go towards manufacturing isotopes to be used in the treatment of cancer is somewhat disingenuous. There are stockpiles of uranium from which these could be made already in existence. It was not essential to have this small additional quantity - which was the implication. So what was Tony Blair's motive? Not to treat cancer. He was helping dismantle a dangerous stockpile and doing Bill Clinton a favour at the same time. We don't have a big problem with that. There is nothing reprehensible about helping a friend. Given the efforts that Bill Clinton has put into the Good Friday agreement maybe this very small favour is well worth the while.

But hushing this up was foolish and depressing. It generates suspicion. It makes people think, as Jeremy Paxman put it, "Why is this bastard lying to me?" It raises anxieties in the public mind about what is really going on, which we hoped this still-new government would have calmed. There is a very simple and basic principle here - we have a right to know about the importation of deadly materials into this country. We have a right to debate these things, before it is too late. That right is far more valuable than political philosophy.

Stirrings of conscience

NOT FOR the first time. Clare Short has decided to stir things up a bit. This time, though, it's only tea. Yesterday the International Development Secretary helped relaunch the Co-Op's 99 brand of tea as an ethical product. Forget caffeine-free, pyramid teabags and Earl Grey, meet clear-conscience char. Well, there's still nothing better to help place an innovation like this in perspective than a nice cup of tea; so why don't you put the kettle on while we give this one the taste test.

First, consumer politics is to be welcomed and is anyway irresistible. Information, on labels as well as in official documents, is power, and we want more, so we can make fuller choices. Second, let the Government lead; we're not suggesting that Ms Short takes a trolley round Whitehall, We do, however, expect to see ethical tea served in all ministries, mayoral parlours, and, ves. at Labour's Millbank Towers HQ (where they have to pay for their own refreshments nowadays). Tony Benn, who takes his tea by the pint, should be pressed into early adoption of the new brew. Third, though, as ethical consumers, we expect good quality too. Coffee drinkers of a leftish disposition may recall the introduction of various types of weaponsgrade Nicaraguan solidarity coffee a few years back. This stuff may have done wonders for the Sandinistas but wasn't nearly so liberating for the | far beyond the requirements of drinker. We suspect that times have changed in the conscience business. Nowadays consumers won't put up with what is unpalatable in any sense of the word, so ethical tea will have to pass the taste test. So long as it does, we'll be buyers - sitting back, sipping and enjoying the cup that cheers the



Sanctions on Iraq

DEREK FATCHETT'S letter justifying sanctions against Iraq (22 April) was revealing. On the day when the Foreign Office published its human rights report as part of its "ethical" foreign policy, it is worth noting the curious logic of the Minister of State's ethical beliefs.

According to him the mere act of blaming somebody else for conditions which arise in part from his own actions leaves him with clean hands. This is the argument that the US and UK governments have been using for years - blame Saddam and it becomes ethical to maintain the genocidal sanctions regime on the Iraqi

Whatever one does leaves one with a moral responsibility for the consequences. It was entirely predictable that Saddam would rather see his people starve than comply with what he considers a US diktat. He has been torturing and murdering his people for twenty years. The UK government, as one of the principal supporters of sanctions, does hold some responsibility for the 1 million or more deaths in Iraq.

Mr Fatchett also neglects to mention that the UN sanctions committee has blocked Iraqi attempts to import numerous items since 1991. This does not mean that every member of the committee opposed particular export applications, rather that either the US and the UK chose to oppose these applications. The "Red List" of proscribed articles includes: light bulbs, socks, wristwatches, ovens, needles, nails and refrigerators. Other items vetoed have included baby food, rice, blankets, pencils, soap, sanitary towels, water purification chemicals, medical journals and medical swabs. The mind boggles at how the Foreign Office might define these items as contributing to Iraq's weapons programmes. The obvious answer is that the US and the UK are waging an economic war on Iraq which goes cease-fire resolution 687.

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LETTERS

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Low pay for dons

THE PLAINTIVE plea by Mr Burgess, the past president of the Association of University Teachers, will of course fall on deaf ears, like all such other pleas over the last decade or so (letter, 21 April). How many more years will it take for him and his colleagues to realise that government funding is synonymous with underfunding? If there were any extra funds they would go to the genuinely needy.

Undoubtedly, university teachers are poorly paid and that will be increasingly reflected in the quality of tion the relevance of this unelected only hope is new money and that new money must come from the main beneficiaries, the students.

Mr Burgess talks of price sensitivity. There are no prices in higher education. All is Mickey Mouse money and there can be no progress until the true cost of higher education, including that of greatly enhanced salaries for university teachers, is known and charged. It is for government then to decide how far it is prepared to underfund the student body. In those circumstances, the votes of a million students will count rather more than those of a handful of disaffected academics. It is time for the AUT to wake up to realpolitik. Professor Sir GRAHAM HILLS

Safeguard the Downs

YOUR COVERAGE highlights the Countryside Commission officials bizarre view that the South Downs only need the minimal protection of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (report, 20 April).

Unlike almost all other councils in the area. Brighton and Hove council went to a great deal of trouble and expense to consult with its residents on the future of the South in its power to enhance the relevant London ECI

Downs. The outcome was to emphatically support National Park status, which would bring enhanced protection and better funding. Incredibly, the commission officials have decided not to give any extra weight to submissions from councils that consulted with their residents.

There are two last opportunities to overturn the officials' views. On Thursday the commissioners of the Countryside Commission will make their decision - we challenge them to listen to public opinion rather than that of their officials. If they do not they will surely bring further into quesple entering the profession. The quango. Finally, Michael Meacher, the Minister for the Environment, could make the very bold move of ignoring their advice and granting National Park status for the benefit of visitors and local residents alike. DESTURNER MP

(Brighton Kemptown, Lab) DAVID LEPPER MP (Brighton Pavilion, Lab) House of Commons

Studying human remains

THE Natural History Museum has within its collections items from human remains, the majority of which are ancient archaeological material from the UK. We also have a smaller amount of material from the rest attempt at registration as a tradeof the world ("Museum urged to reveal grisly secrets", 17 April).

Our holding of material from Australia and Tasmania consists of 161 items, which includes skulls, partial or complete skeletons and fragmentary pieces. None of these specimens is stored in spirit ("pickled"). The Museum has documentation on all of these, but because they were donated by individuals and other institutions this information is not always as full as is desirable under modern museum standards. The Museum has done, and is doing, all British Telecom

information on these specimens. Museum staff handle the collections with special care and sensitivity and access to the museum's

human origin collections is always

granted to bona fide scientists car-

rying out research on human varia-The World Archaeological Congress requested access to our records of Aboriginal remains in 1991-2, and we co-operated in checking details concerning our collections within the palaeontology department. On 8 April we received a request from the

World Archaeological Congress for

information to be provided by 27 April, which we will supply. Any formal governmental requests for the return of these collections are considered individually. However, the Museum is governed by the British Museum Act, under more sustainable. which statute it is required to retain and conserve its collections. Dr NEIL CHALMERS

Director The Natural History Museum. London SW7

Sign for the deaf

JEFF McWHINNEY, Chief Executive of the British Deaf Association, makes valid points about the potential disruption resulting from any mark of the "handshape" symbol for a telephone (letter, 6 April).

We fully recognise its importance as a recognised symbol for the deaf. Although we have been using the symbol for years in our advertising, let me assure him that BT has no plans to constrain the use of this common gesture. On the contrary, we welcome its unrestricted use, as I am sure everyone else does. RUPERT GAVIN

Managing Director, Consumer Division

Man-made floods

THE CATASTROPHIC floods should come as no surprise. We've" drained the farming countryside to death, and scaled the surface of every town and city. Now we are threatening to make things even worse, with much more impervious development on "brownfield" sites in cities.

In addition, there is a five-year programme currently under way with £850m for increasing the size of stormwater sewers. This is likely to make the flooding much worse in rivers just downstream.

Our trees and woodlands play a vital role in holding back rainwater on their leaves, but they are failing fast, as cable TV trenches chop through the roots, and chemical pollution speeds their decline.

We need to promote a policy of porous cities; to use the projected building of 4.4 million new homes as eans of reducing, rather than aggravating, the problem of stormwater flooding. Urban forestry, soakaways and porous paving could do much to make our towns and cities CHRIS BAINES Wolverhampton

Gays and the church

THE Rev Neil Dawson's claim (letter, 20 April) that biblical condemnation of homosexuality is not "clear-cut" is a confusing one: I fail to see what could be more clear-cut than, for example, "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable" (Leviticus 18:22). CRAIG ANDERSON Edunburgh

EDWARD CONDRY is wrong to suggest that George Michael would have been arrested had he been ? straight (letter, 20 April). Police officers hang around gay meeting-places waiting to arrest gay men who engage in sexual behaviour in public. Rarely is any complainant produced as a witness, other than the police officers involved. When did you last hear of police staking out lovers' lanes, waiting for the heterosexual fun to begin? STEPHEN BAKER

The silences that speak volumes — how to survive in a second-hand bookshop



TODAY is National Book Day, which means that everyone is being encouraged to dash out and buy a new book. Well, that is certainly better than staying in and writing a new book, as there are far too many of them around aiready, but I want to draw attention to a section of the book trade that will get no attention at all today, and that is the second-hand book business.

I believe many people are deterred from going into second-hand bookshops not only because they don't realise what bargains they can find but because they are not sure how to behave once inside. So my mission for National Book Day is to tell you what to do once you are inside a second-hand bookshop, This, then, is the Second-Hand Bookshop Code of Practice for Customers. 1. Enter the shop without saying anything or even looking at the owner. If you do look at the owner, he will not be offering eye contact. He will be reading a book catalogue,

a letter, or a broadsheet newspaper. If he has none of these to hand he may even be reading a book, though with no apparent sign of enjoyment. Anything you offer in the way of a greeting will be unheeded. It is his way of testing you as a potential customer. 2. After ten minutes' unassisted browsing, the owner will admit to himself that you have potential as a customer, and greet you with a curt "Good morning" or "Han-n-no". This last is an approximation of a sound which will act as a greeting in any language - after all, for all the bookseller knows, you may be French or German or even American, and not speak any English at all. 3. You should make no reply.

4. Instead, carry on reading the book you have picked up, as if fascinated. This will convince him that you are indeed a serious customer. 5. When he has abandoned all hope of an answer and gone back to reading his letter/catalogue/paper, suddenly say whatever he said back to him, then pick up another book to cut off the conversation right there. 6. After half an hour or so, the bookseller's nerve will crack and he will say something else. Nothing about the weather or politics, but one of the three following remarks or

a) "Did you know there are some more rooms upstairs?" b) "Did you know there are some more rooms downstairs?

c) "Were you looking for something in par-

ticular? 7. The correct answer to (a) and (b) is to say, "Oh, thanks", and stay exactly where you are. 8. The correct answer to (c) rather depends on your own taste in reading, but the important thing is not to ask for anything he might have. To say "biography" or "travel" is to give up the game immediately. He

is bound to have lashings of both, and you

will not be able to leave without feeling you

or a subject you have already looked for and found no sign of. My favourite responses are "Well, H L Mencken, actually," and "Do you have a burnour section?" They very rarely have either.

9. The bookseller, not having any H L Mencken or humour, not even perhaps being quite sure who H L Mencken was, will try to approximate it to something be DOES have. So he will now say something like: "Mencken was American, wasn't he? We've got a good American section. Travel mostly," or "We don't have a humour section as such, but there are some nice cartoon collections on the art shelves, and I believe there are some quite good editions of Jerome K Jerome in the fiction." 10. He is trying to tease more information out of you, hoping you will admit whether you are into written or pictorial humour, or how far you have a taste for Americana.

should buy something. Ask for an author 11. So the correct response is a non-committal "Hmmmmm".

12. At this point the bookseller will despair of getting anywhere with you, and fall silent. This is the point at which I drift upstairs and, when I am sure I am not being ohserved, get out of my coat pocket the six or so second-hand books I have brought with me and put them on the shelves.

13. This is because my wife has been pointing out for some time that we have far too many books at home. I cannot bring myself to throw a book away. There are many books which not even Oxfam or a school jumble sale will take. The only course of action is to secrete them on to the shelves of a second-hand bookshop, by the above method. 14. I do not, of course, buy anything.

15. Can you imagine what the wife would say if I came back with more books? Hope this is of some help. Have a nice National Book Day!



Robin Cook reveals a sad lack of passion for the Third Way



MCELVOY

ON LABOUR'S NEW PHILOSOPHER

CATCHING sight of the cavorting nymphs in James Barry's imposing Georgian masterpiece, The Progress of Human Culture and Knowledge, at the Royal Society of Arts, the Foreign Secretary looked rather bemused. Timetabling difficulties caused by his deuxièmes noces accounted for the stimulating location. This discombobulation alone could not however explain why Robin Cook appeared to have undergone a political character

transplant and become Tony Blair. His speech yesterday on New Labour's Third Way was full of Blairite dualisms - responsibilities came with their rights in tow, globalization would make nations "interdependent and independent" simultaneously. There was an ungraspable smoothness about this performance quite unsuited to Robin Cook, a rough-edged politician who usually manages to annoy someone in the course of a major pronouncement.

But this was no mistake by New Labour's central casting. Mr Cook was given this anniversary platform as a mark of both Mr Blair's regard and a slight nervousness about his colleague. He very much wants to keep him where he is now - having acquired that rare thing for a post-war Labour government, a. Foreign Secretary who does not divide the party as David Owen, Tony Crosland, George Brown. Ernest Bevin and even (as a cypher of Harold Wilson over Vietnam) Michael Stewart did in their various ways.

The Third Way - now official Blairite terminology - is hallmarked by its claims to reform, as if it were just another item on the equidistance between two previously existing models, both of which the Government is keen to be seen to reject. It is, said Mr Cook, "a political project as distinct from the individvalist politics of neo-liberalism as it is distinct from the corporate ethos of old-fashioned so- is that they go round and round. I can't becial democracy". Later, he helpfully identi- lieve that Mr Cook is content to do that for fied the first category as the governing the rest of his career. principle of the Thatcher years.

far removed from the first category as from than one would have thought. But in the end. the second. A passing Martian would recognise that the Government's actions, rather than its calibrated words, show it to be far closer to exic conservatism than to social democ- be the extension of Scotlish devolution as suc racy. The Third Way is a risetorical device to cessor to Donald Dewar. He would be a foravoid owning up to this.

Labour's centre of gravity has shifted. Otherwise, Mr Cook would have been delivering his speech at the Scottish TUC conference, where they have a rather different idea of the Third Way from that of the Social Market to the trouble he might cause Number Ten Foundation, the bracingly pro-market thinktank which hosted Mr Cook's lecture.

The sleight of hand is not new - the Tories also performed it by boasting of being neo-

liberal free market, individualistic hard lads. In fact, the Tory government, under both Thatcher and Major's leadership, was mildly authoritarian and - for all its declared hosplity to the state - used its machinery relendessly to achieve social change. The National Curriculum was a collectivist straightjacket. The Child Support Agency provided the biggest single interventionist act by government since National Insurance. A good thing too - but it is rich to hear the people who introduced it priding themselves on hav-

ing pursued the retreat of the state.

Test Mr Cook's propositions about the equidistance on the policies of Labour's first year and the veil is torn apart. David Blunkett's insistence that parents take more responsibility for their children's education is an individualistic instinct.

Jack Straw is as tough on crime as Michael Howard - he just has a better manner. The emphasis on individual responsibility inherent in Welfare to Work similarly chimes with Tory instincts. The main point of disagreement now is about the potential distortion of the labour market as a result of the New Deal, not about the intention.

Mr Cook's Third Way, constructed as it was on these false antitheses, was forced to dress up every minor achievement as a great leap forward. His foreign policy was redressing our "international isolation". Were the Single European Act, the Maastricht Treaty and the dispatch of troops to Bosnia agreed by a government modelling itself on Enver Hoxha's Albania?

In his heart, and more importantly in his formidable brain, Mr Cook surely knows that the Third Way should mean more than this. He is a true constitutional radical but I was struck by the deadness of his language when he spoke of constitutional reform. Yet it is this. rather than any First, Second or even Third Way that will really define the success of this government. Mr Cook lacked the gut conviction of the man who fought so long and hard for a Scottish parliament and to make Westminster more accountable to the regions.

His attacks on hereditary peerage in opposition were those of of a true, street-fighting democrat determined to destroy the vestige of aristocratic rule. Now, he promises that the Government would "deliver on this pledge list. Does he feel no urgency, no passion about this at all?

After the lecture, he fielded awkward questions, joking, "these sessions are circuit training for politicians". But the thing about circuits

He can do the job of Foreign Secretary -But it is not true that New Labour is as the weasty part of it comes more easily to him Mr Cook belongs somewhere else - at the heart of the constitutional realignment of the United Kingdom. His own Third Way should midable advocate of Scotland's interests against Westminster - including the need for tax-raising powers.

Mr Cook's occasional ability to find trouble on the West Bank is as nothing compared from Edinburgh. Less biddable than Mr Dewar and far more ambitious for the Scottish parliament - it is no wonder Mr Blair intends to keep him on a treadmill elsewhere.

How the Home Secretary could cut burglary at a stroke: legalise drugs



AARONOVITCH THE HIDDEN COSTS OF PROHIBITION

THE Very Senior Policeman was in love with Jack Straw. We lent across the High Table at X College, our faces close together, and he told me how the Blackburn MP was set to become the greatest Home Secretary of the century. "He does the right things, you see?" said the ruddy faced Chief Constable. "He's not an ideologue. If it works, he's interested in it." So we toasted Jack in red wine and port. Who needs Lodge Night and funny handshakes when you've got Oxbridge colleges?

But what about the legalisation of drugs? I asked. Not just cannabis (I do not think that I know a single person who has not smoked dope) but the nasty, hard stuff? "Oh, I give it five years," he replied breezily, and with complete confidence. "There is no future in prohibition. All my colleagues seem to be persuaded of the need to change. It's got

The contradiction here is not difficult to spot. There is no sign whatsoever that Jack Straw is prepared to back down from the eternal, unsuccessful war against drugs. His equation seems very simple: drugs harm those who take them, and those who have to live with the users. Giving up on the battle would be to invite the next generation to regard heroin and cocaine as being the millennial versions of alcohol and tobacco. But here was a progressive top cop who was arguing that just such a move was inevitable.

Well, yesterday there was a long feature in the London Evening Standard about yet another drug bust team. "Last year," it said, "the inspectors recorded 134 hits, finding a total of 1,747 last year." I think this was supposed to be good news, but was it? Did these seizures entail fewer addicts on our streets, or were they themselves the proximate cause of many of our houses being burgled?

The same ambiguity hung over Tuesday's Home Office survey on the link between drug-taking and criminality. This study - of arrestees who agreed to be tested - showed that two-thirds had taken illegal drugs (and a quarter had drunk alcohol) in the period leading up to their detention. The results varied from place to place, but nevertheless indicated a much more direct and constant



link than had been expected. But what was the study really telling us? It could have been saying that just taking drugs makes you commit crime (you know, crazed crack addict runs amok, that kind of thing). Or it might have been trying to shout out a more difficult message. namely that it is the prohibition of drugs which itself creates all these burglaries. muggings and assaults.

The Home Office estimates that, at the moment, 130,000 users need around £1.3bn every year to fund their habits (that's £10,000 per annum per user). Roughly £850m of this must be raised

sesame snack things that are made in Poland. So every time some heroic customs employee digs another dodgy package out of the wheel arch of a Mondeo, it probably means several more house-breakings.

All this failure comes despite an immensely costly police campaign, a soaring prison population and (in America at least) the virtual criminalisation of an entire generation of black youth. And I haven't even mentioned the fillip that keeping drugs illegal - because of the immense profits available - gives to organised crime and violent gangsterism.

Do drug seizures entail fewer addicts on our streets, or are they themselves the cause of our houses being burgled

kilos of heroin... 135 more kilos than from criminal activity to keep the users going. And - also according to the Home the libertarian argument for legalisation. Office - these users would need to nick save to admit that there is something in £2.5bn worth of yours and my worldly the argument that interfering too much goods in order to get that £850m.

> Part of the problem is that they have to raise so much: £850m is the famous "street" price. It is the price that is paid once the drug barons and middlemen have taken their vast cut, and paid off their enforcers, couriers and bent officials. The drugs themselves are worth the tiniest fraction of that amount. Mostly grown in the Third World, their cost to the consumer - were they completely legal - would (allowing for tax) almost certainly be on a par with those

Personally I am not too interested in in what beoble choose to do to themselves will often lead to bad law. My own take on this is strictly utilitarian. Might we be able significantly to reduce crime and also to reduce the damage to people caused by drug-taking, if we abandoned the prohibitive strategy?

Such evidence as we have is hotly contested, and largely consists of the famous Amsterdam experiment, in which a number of coffee-houses have been licensed to sell smallish amounts of hash to customers. Some claim that the incidence of drug taking has risen with decriminalisation, and others that it has actually reduced. The latest report, by the Dutch Centre for Drug Research and released this week, supports the latter contention. It suggests that the use of marijuana may actually have declined by nearly half, and is far lower than in the US, where the drug is prohibited.

Why might such a reduction happen? It seems only logical that if drugs were cheaper and could be used openly, more kids would take them. This unimpeachable logic has always been the greatest argument against any kind of let up in the drugs war. But it is possible that the coffee-shops, limited in number though they are, have effectively replaced street and school sales, and with them the myriad tiny contacts between the young customer and the local supplier. Thus the pressure and occasion to take drugs may have been reduced.

In the long term, then, the question may not be whether to legalise, but rather exactly what form it should take. One possibility - a sci-fi scenario - would be to place drugs on an equal footing with other commercial products. We could nip along to the Megastore and buy the latest Rolf Harris CD and a packet of own-label smoke ("He's the man who brought you low-cost pensions. And now Richard Branson brings you Weirdy Beardy, the ultimate in relaxing

This is not an attractive proposition when applied to cocaine or beroin, although it might well work for ecstasy and cannabis. But if hard drugs were purchasable over the counter at pharmacies, and the prices were a reasonable reflection of the costs to the companies to manufacture them and maintain strict quality, there would be no pushers, and no criminal multiplier effect. Indeed, a successful and sustained public information campaign, as there has been over cigarentes or drink-driving, might well reduce use substantially.

Now, the greatest Home Secretary of the century seems unwilling to think in this way yet; the political and international obstacles are immense. But we are in 1998, and if he would like to be the greatest Home Secretary of the next century, then he might just like to listen to what his (adoring) Chief Constables are already telling him: legalise.

View from Here, Education+

The oh-so-cool squirrels of Dulwich Park ...

JOHN WALSH



number of disobliging Spencer family in the papers recently, suggesting that they're a pack of grasping and mercenary opportunists who think nothing of converting their royal connections into hard cash. Not a bit of it, according to Amanda Foreman, the young Oxford historian who has written a life of Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. Ms Foreman who, as well as being the finest royal historian since JH Plumb and the daughter of Carl Foreman (who wrote the screenplays to The Bridge on the River Kwai, High Noon and Born Free), and being cruelly beautiful (I once watched her in a south London pub fending off two importunate young smoothies by telling them she was a tabloid journalist) is a woman of some resourcefulness. On starting her researches into the life of the Duchess who was the Princess Diana de ses jours with her eating disorders and her "people's duchess" reputation - Ms Foreman discovered that her subject's letters were scattered all over the kingdom. She would have to embark on a kind of royal progress to investigate them all. She had never learned to drive, in fact she'd failed her test six times, but took it once more and passed, and set off on an 18-month circuit of England, looking the archives of stately homes for letters, documents and paintings. In doing so, she discovered that the various archives operate a tariff system. "All scholars get charged for ac-

cess to the family papers," she

7OU might have seen a told me, "which is only fair since less members of the sciums famthe home owners have to employ an archivist. But they vary a great deal. Looking at the papers of the Marquis of Lansdowne at Bowood House costs you £100 a day. At Castle Howard, it's £30 a week. At Chatsworth they charge £50 a week plus VAT, but they gave me a special flat rate". Top of the range, however, was the Spencer family. "They couldn't have been nicer. Not only did they not charge a cent for looking at the stuff, they brought me tea on a silver tray."

an understand the concern voiced by animal welfare workers at the Moors Valley Country Park in Dorset. They've discovered that the park's squirrels have acquired some shocking habits. They now routinely pick up discarded fag-ends, tear the paper off and eat the tobacco. Even worse, some of the little blighters have starting attacking picnickers who fail to offer them crumbs and scraps.

Nasty - but this is only the nursery slopes of Squirrel Delinquency. Down in south London, we're inured to far worse behaviour by arboreal rodents. I first saw a couple of them doing the cigarette-butt thing in my garden months ago; instead of eating the tobacco, they were rolling it up in a blue Rizla paper. A week later, one of them appeared in the morning with terrible bags. under his eyes and held a billiard cue at a weary angle. Soon, you could hardly walk through Dulwich Park without encountering half a dozen shift-

ily hanging out by the railings on the corner of the pond, taking the piss out of the starlings, Most of them had become long-term and discerning smokers (Camel Straights rather than Marlboro Lights) and if you looked under the lime tree by the bandstand, you could find a cache of tiny Tennent's Extra cans, the ones with the pictures of bushy-tailed females in abbreviated underwear. The Dulwich Squirrel Chapter ("Nuts to the World" is their arrogant boast) now hoard dubious-looking white rocks, and will approach your outstretched fingers only if you've made an appointment by mobile phone. They still scurry nervously across the path at the approach of humans, but now they crash into the rubbish bins (it's the Calvin Klein shades). And the Dorset picnickers should think themselves lucky they only get a nip on the ankle from habit-crazed squirrels. In SE21, they nick your car keys, scurry into your Mondeo and cruise up Herne



Hill looking for trouble. I blame the parents.

aving returned from holiday a while ago. ▲I'm still puzzled by one thing. Sicilians are famously the worst drivers in the world - you cannot drive at 100kph down the superstradas of the southeast without encountering, every few miles, a mad local person reversing his Fiat Uno from a slip road into your path. But more interestingly, they're bewilderingly keen on overtaking. They overtake on blind corners, on the crest of enormous hills, on tiny narrow roads that wind round the vertiginous hills of Ragusa. When crawling in an impatient line behind a wheezing truck, they ahandon all the accepted protocol of queuing to overtake - at any moment, one will break ranks and roar past 12 Alfas and Lamborghinis in order to pass the truck at the front . It's something to do with machismo, I Or is it? I have this theory

about people who drive on the right in hot countries. Most of them, by the law of averages, will be right-banders. In their heads, the two sides of the brain will be operating by their usual cracked logic: the left will take care of the intellectual and linguistically expressive bits of life, while the right will be more concerned with threedimensional, spatial ways of seeing the world. For a righthander driving in a right-hand lane, his perceptions will be unusually spatial and non-verbal, ie he will be entirely at home on the right, just looking at the

a slow-moving hired car (with me inside) stuck behind a juggernaut with Brussels licence plates. His spatial awareness his view of the hills, his governing of perspective - is suddenly, enragingly, occluded by some foreign halfwit and a fat Belgian in a string vest. He cannot stay behind these people. The right side of his brain is working overtime, fighting for mastery. So, disdaining all rules, logic and oncoming traffic, he overtakes - and in crossing over to the left-hand side of the road, he discovers the little-used verbal faculty of the brain's left side. This is why he yells "Va fan culo" at you, while thundering by. He doesn't hate you. He's following a basic impulse of the conscious mind. In Britain, meanwhile, because you drive on the left, the impulses of right-hand drivers will be mainly verbal. That's why you spend so much time chatting to yourself, and vocalising about the Wonderbra advertisements on Vauxhall Bridge, and shouting abuse at Mr Jack Cunningham on Radio Four. And why, when you steer into the right-hand lane to overtake someone, you're suddenly overwhelmed by a sense of boundless wide-open space, which sends you smartly back into the left-hand lane, telling yourself. Christ, that was a bit of a narrow squeak.

scenery, but be entirely unable

to explain why. Then what hap-

pens? He finds himself behind

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Brown urges pay restraint

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

GORDON BROWN last night issued a plea for pay restraint and a national effort to boost

productivity in industry. The Chancellor's call for pay moderation came as new figures vesterday failed to lift the threat of a further rise in interest rates. Private sector pay deals have edged higher, according to the latest official data, despite a slowdown in the pace at which unemployment is falling.

Mr Brown said, in a speech to the Confederation of British Industry: "It would be the worst of short-termism to pay ourselves more today at the cost of higher interest rates, fewer jobs and slower growth tomorrow." While the public sector had understood the need for moderation, private sector employers had not, he added.

The Chancellor also stressed that he and Margaret Beckett. President of the Board of Trade. would be looking at the reasons for low UK productivity levels. which lag behind both the Continent and the US.

the private sector increased to 5.2 per cent in the three months to February, up from 4.7 per who are not entitled to claim cent last summer, according to the Office for National Statisties (ONS). By contrast, public sector pay growth remained down from 3 per cent six

DFS Furniture issued its second

profits warning in two months

yesterday as the retailer ended

28 years of unbroken profits

growth with a 2.7 per cent fall

in first half profits. The sofa spe-

cialist blamed the latest setback

on the torrential rain over the Easter weekend. The group

said a third of its branches are

in the Midlands, which was

will now be below the £18.2m

recorded in the first half. Like-

for-like sales fell by 4.9 per cent

compared with the first half last

year, though no figures were

available for current trading.

DFS shares slid 32.5p to a blip."

Profits in DFS's second half

most affected by flooding.

By Nigel Cope

kept average earnings growth across the economy as a whole down 27,800 on a year earlier. more or less flat. It was unchanged at 4.5 per cent in the three months to February.

But pay increases in services. where the most severe skill shortages have been reported, climbed from 4.6 to 4.8 per cent.

Other figures showed that unemployment fell by 52,000 to a level of 1.86 million in the December to February quarter. Corresponding to 6.4 per cent of the work force, this was the lowest since the data started in

The pace of decline in joblessness has slowed, however. The picture from the surveybased measure, published on a rolling monthly basis for the first time this month, was confirmed by the more up-to-date claimant

The number of claimants fell by 6,400 to 1,375,700, or 4.9 per cent of the work force, in March. This drop showed a marked slowdown from the average of 9,100 in the latest three months and 17,300 in the latest six months.

The difference of nearly half a million between the two Average carnings growth in unemployment numbers is mainly accounted for by married women looking for work

figures also showed that the number of 18-24-year olds out

DFS Furniture

286.50 on the news. The shares

it is not a trend, it is a tempo-

rary aberration," the founder

and chief executive Sir Graham

Kirkham said. "We are as strong

'We have had a bad year but

peaked at 651.5p in 1996.

rose slightly to 64,700, and was

The level of employment rose by 41,000, while employment in manufacturing also increased by 9,000 in the three months to February.

The verdict of City experts was that yesterday's evidence from the jobs market, which the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) agreed would be decisive, could be read either way. "It does not resolve the debate as far as the MPC is concerned," said Eric Fishwick, an economist at Nikko Europe.

One problem as far as economists are concerned is the fact that the new presentation of the statistics, although far more reliable than the old, is less up-to-date.

The Bank of England separately reported a slowdown in the rate of broad money growth to 9.5 per cent. And the ONS said car production for export jumped in March to its highest level since August 1996. Total car production was flat during the month and has climbed 5.6 per cent during the latest six

Today and tomorrow bring more key figures, with retail sales last month and GDP growth in the first quarter of this year.

The continued uncertainty about the outlook for interest The new presentation of the rates was reflected in the market reaction, where yesterday's statistics had very little imunchanged at 2.4 per cent. of work for more than 12 pact on the pound. It hovered months fell to 53,800 in the near DM3 all day, eventually latest quarter, half the level of ending at DM3,0013. The The Government's tough a year ago; but the number un- FTSE 100 index closed down public sector pay policy has employed for six to 12 months 23.9 points at 5931.1.

DFS issues second warning after

rain stops 28-year run of growth

well as DFS, said consumer

Sir Graham said DFS stores

had been affected by a series of

one-off factors. He blamed hot

weather last August: the death

of Diana, Princess of Wales;

Easter flooding and the dead-

line for self-assessment tax

forms on 31 January. The com-

pany said shoppers may have

wise have been used as dispos-

analysts to downgrade fore-

casts from around £37m-39m to

around £35m. Nick Bubb of SG

The latest warning prompted

able income.

spending had faltered.

month, MFI and Carpetright, as something internal."



The future way to battle: The MRAV-GTK-VBCI 8x8 variant, to be built by the winning consortium

GKN wins battle taxi deal

By Michael Harrison

A FURTHER bout of rationalisation among Europe's defence manufacturers was in prospect yesterday after a threenation consortium including GKN was awarded a £2.4bn contract to develop a new generation of "battlefield taxis".

The order for up to 5,000 Multi-Role Armoured Vehicles (MRAV) for the British. German and French armies will be worth £800m to GKN Defence and will safeguard 450 jobs at its Telford factory in Shropshire when full production begins in 2004.

Several retailers of higher Courts, Uno and Harveys com- those interest-rate increases

Some said DFS may be

falling victim to its heavy pro-

motion of interest-free credit.

They said customers who did

have the money to buy a new

sofa or three-piece suit might be

choosing to haggle for cash

Massey said DFS enjoyed sev-

eral good months up to Janu-

Chief operating officer Jon

'We saw reasonably buoyant

trading as we went into our new

year sale but that demand

ebbed away and February saw

that trend continuing. We put

deals elsewhere.

had to pay out money for tax ary but that higher interest

settlements that would other- rates had begun to bite after-

Securities said: "You don't see that down to the impact of all

ticket items have reported sales plaining about floods and tax during 1997 that clicked into

slowdowns recently. Last bills. It looks like it might be people's mortgages at the start

More significantly, it could provide the focal point for the consolidation of Europe's manufacturers of land fighting vehicles. GKN's other two partners in the Eurokonsortium are Arge. a partnership between Krauss Maffei, MaK and Wegmann of Germany, and Giat of France, which entered

the grouping at eleventh hour. The MRAV contract is Europe's largest ever collaborative procurement programme for armoured vehicles. The production run could exceed 7,500 vehicles if other European governments join the programme.

rival bid from the Team In-

of January," he said.

will look at it.'

He added: "If there is cost

DFS profits in the first half

The company enjoyed rapid

fell 2.7 per cent to £18.2m on

sales up from £126m to £130m.

growth after coming to the

stock market in 1994. Since

then, Sir Graham Kirkham and

his family have sold almost

their entire holding and they

now control just 8 per cent. Sir

Graham sold 49 per cent of his

shares at 261p and a further 20

per cent at 328p. In 1996, his two

children sold another 20 per

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cutting that can be done with-

out damaging the concept we

ternational consortium, which includes Vickets and Alvis of the UK. There is now a prospect of Vickers and GKN re-opening negotiations about a merger of their respective land vehicles

Vickers, which manufactures the Challenger tank at Leeds and Newcastle, decided last month not to pursue a deal with GKN. However, analysts believe it may be having second thoughts. A GKN spokeswoman said: "This deal obviously gives us the opportunity to be at the centre of any restructuring that might take place but Eurokonsortium beat off a we have no plans to talk to Vickers nor is there a for-sale sign over

Meanwhile, the governments of Britain, France. Germany, Spain and Italy, welcomed progress made so far towards the restructuring of Europe's defence and aerospace industries.

A communiqué issued after a meeting of industry ministers from the five countries in London urged their respective industrial partners to complete the conversion of Airbus into a single corporate entity by I January next year and make the integration of their aerospace and defence interests "as rapid and as far-reaching as possible".

Bank earns rebuff

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By David Usborne

AS PART of the scramble to consolidate the US banking industry, the Bank of New York esterday launched what at first seemed like a hostile \$23.4hn (£14bn) bid for Pittsburgh-

BONY

bid for

Mellon

based Mellon Bank Corp. Within hours, however. Mellon rebuffed the approach and declared that it was not for sale, upon which the Bank of New York (BONY) said it would only pursue a deal if it

could be done on friendly terms. A combination of BONY and Mellon - two of the oldest of America's banking institutions would create the 10th-largest bank in the United States, just ahead of Wells Fargo of San Francisco, but still a long way behind the leaders. Their combined assets would total \$106.4bn.

Yesterday's unusual exchanges came after months of § friendly merger talks between Thomas Renyi, the BONY chairman, and his counterpart at Melion, Frank Cahouet. Mr Renyi made a formal offer to Mr Cahouet privately on Monday.

The release of a letter yesterday from Mr Renvi to Mr Cabonet outlining the deal's terms was a brash attempt to apply pressure for the deal to be done. Whether the tactic will bear fruit was far from clear, however.

BONY offered to trade 1.4 of its own shares for each outstanding Mellon share, valuing Mellon shares at about \$90, significantly above their Tuesday closing price of \$64.19.

In the letter, Mr Renyi wrote: "I wish to assure you, however, that we are only interested in pursuing the transction on a consensual basis Mr Cahouet would become chairman of the new company and its headquarters would be in Pittsburg. Mr Renyi would

become chief executive officer. About their efforts to agree privately, Mr Renyi wrote: Our inability to bring these discussions to completion has, I know, been disappointing for both of us. I remain totally convinced, as I believe you do, that the combination of our two companies would make com-

pelling business sense." Founded by Alexander Hamilton in 1784, BONY is the third-largest bank in the metropolitan New York area. It is no secret that BONY has been auxious to find a partner to broaden its geographical base and to offer a broader range of financial services.

Mellon, in the meantime, has long been considered by analysis as an obvious partner in the current spate of banking mergers.

But in a statement yesterday,

£225,000 bonus for man behind coal mining crisis

By Michael Harrison

RICHARD BUDGE, who was heavily criticised by a committee of MPs last month for precipitating the crisis facing the coal industry, received a performance bonus of almost £225,000 last year in his job as chief executive of RJB Mining.

The latest report and accounts from Britain's biggest coal producer show that Mr Budge-was awarded a bonus of £224,460 in 1997, taking his total remuneration including pension contributions to £610.000, even though profits fell by 9 per cent and RJB's share price has slumped by almost 75 per cent in the last vear. In 1996 his total salary was

£657,000. In its report on the future of the coal industry last month, the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee took RJB's management severely to task for its part in precipitating the coal

The committee said RJB had failed to reduce costs sufficiently to retain market share assuming that it would be rescued by a package of government assistance. commercial judgement and negotiating tactics of RJB Mining

MPs added. -RJB is now facing the

are both open to criticism," the



Richard Budge: Criticised

threat of heavy pit closures and up to 5,000 job losses following the expiry of guaranteed contracts with the electricity generators.

Coal sales to the generators fell from 33.4 million tonnes in 1996 to 26.8 million tounes last

But so far RJB has only contracted to supply the three big coal-fired generators with about half that amount of coal for the coming year.

Meanwhile, the United Kingdom Coal Producers yesterday criticised the electricity regulator Professor Stephen Littlechild for being "over-zealous" in promoting competition and advocating the building of more gas-fired stations. It claimed his "flawed mathematics" were costing consumers £240m a year.

TOURIST RATES

Mellon said: "We are not in negotiations with Bank of New York or anyone else. We are not interested in pursuing any transaction - we are not for sale". Mellon's history goes back to its foundation in 1869 as Mellon and Sons. It played a key role in the Pittsburg steel era and in the financing of Westinghouse,

Avis Europe test drives auto-hire system

By Andrew Yates

AVIS Europe yesterday unveiled plans to launch a doit-yourself car hire service designed to cater for those weary business executives who are fed up with waiting in long queues to pick up a new vehicle. Europe's largest car hire group is testing a new electronic system, supplied by GEC, which

consuming administration. Customers will simply check in at specially adapted cash dispensers using a credit card or specifying a business account and then drive the vehicle away. The car will be tagged elec-

When the vehicle is returned it will pass through transponders which will recognise which car it is, the mileage driven and the

could dispense with time- amount of fuel left in the tank. airports throughout its network vide its passengers with cars. As The driver will then receive an automatic invoice on checking out through an electronic kiosk.

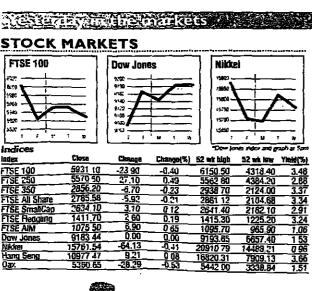
We are trialing the system in the UK and Germany and our plans are very advanced," said Alun Cathcart. Avis Europe's chief executive. The tests should be completed in the next 18 months and Avis plans to install the revolutionary new system at destinations including

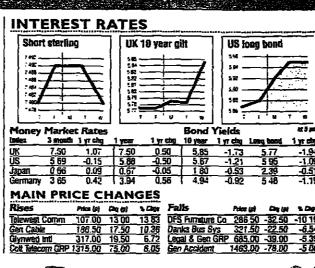
within the next few years. However, holidaymakers

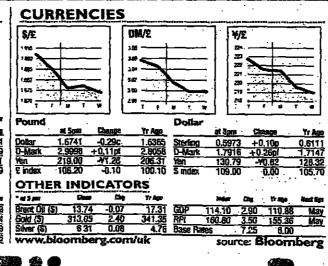
will not benefit from the new scheme. Avis is only planning to allow regular business clients to take advantage of electronic car hire. The company claims that tourists prefer the human touch, quizzing staff about local attractions and facilities.

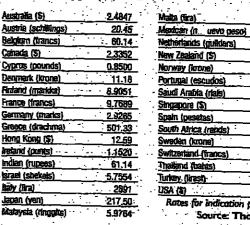
Avis recently won a contract to supply British Airways to propart of the new partnership, customers returning cars to Heathrow airport can now hand their keys back to Avis staff at its branch next to the car park and use BA's office next door to check in all their luggage. Avis reported profits up 33

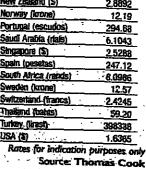
per cent to £75.6m in the year to February thanks to a buoyant car hire market in the UK. Investment column, page 22











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First steps to a pan-European defence group



OUTLOOK ON THE BIG PRIZE IN AEROSPACE, THE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE AT LIFFE AND A RETAILER'S **EXPLANATIONS FOR** DISAPPOINTING

TRADING

THE restructuring of Europe's defence and acrospace industries is at last beginning to take shape, albeit at the snail-like pace of a military marching hand. The latest piece of the pesaw fell into place yesterday as GKN teamed up with the French and Germans to build a new generation of "battlefield taxis." Production of land fighting vehicles is a business where Europe has longsuffered from chronic overcapacity with more than a dozen manufacturers chasing

a shrinking procurement programme. .Of itself yesterday's deal will not automatically produce the much needed rationalisation. But so big is the contract -7,500 vehicles worth £3.6bn - that ir could easily suck the lifeforce from those left on the outside, obliging them to either join the party or self destruct.

Meanwhile in military helicopters, Michael Heseltine's dream looks like coming true 12 years after he stormed out of Cabinet, with Westland and Agusta of Italy at last talking about a merger.

Even the biggest prize—the creation of

a single pan-European aerospace and defence company encompassing British Aerospace, Daimler and Aerospatiale along with the Spanish, Italians and Swedes, no longer appears such a lost cause. The

accept that this behemoth will only see the light of day if they privatise their own industry first. Yet real progress has been made, not least the agreement by all parties that merging their assets into one fight-

ing unit is the way forward. Has Lord Simpson broken ranks by splashing out £800m on an US defence acquisition and making no secret that GEC has plenty of firepower left to take out an even bigger American target? Certainly. he has grown frustrated with the lack of progress in rationalising Europe's defence electronics industry. But GEC's transatlantic adventure could be just the kick in the pants its Continental counterparts need, reminding them that European consolidation is not the only game in town.

Liffe's messy compromise

AFTER two days of talking turkey, the board of Liffe has actually managed to agree something. This is no mean achievement, for the problem with the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange is that it has traditionally

French have yet to cross the Rubicon and and necessarily been run on the basis of consensus; the result has been paralysis in decision making and an inability to change.

By Liffe's standards, the package of proposals announced yesterday are radical indeed; the question is whether they are radical enough, given the inroads the German screen-based trading systems run out of Frankfurt have been making into Liffe's core products and markets. To be fair, the board does seem to have gone some of the distance, but the key issue of separating ownership from membership is ducked. This is being left to "further analysis". The result is that the market will continue to owned largely by members who trade on the floor of the exchange.

At the moment, the market is run rather in the nature of a club, which provides nonprofit-making services to its members. So the first thing the board intends to do is introduce the profit motive. In future the market will be run on commercial lines. A £44m cut in expenditure and 130 redundancies have already been announced. Perhaps more important, the board says you won't have to be a member or own shares to use the planned electronic trading system. Access will be granted in return for subscriptions set at "competitive market rates".

However, in an inexplicable piece of fudge, the exchange adds this will need to be done through the intermediation of members. Progress has been made, but Liffe seems to have stopped short of going the whole hog. Another messy compromise, then. The Deutsche Terminborse must be loving it.

Poor excuses from DFS

THE RETAIL sector has treated the markets to some pretty rich excuses for its poor trading over the last six months, but Sir Graham Kirkham of DFS Furniture broke new ground yesterday with some absolute corkers. In addition to the usual suspects such as hot weather last August, the death of Princess Diana and the effect of higher interest rates, we now have self-assessment tax forms and the wrong kind of rain.

The tax forms made a difference. Sir Graham says, because the deadline for their return to the Inland Revenue was 31 January, just before the end of DFS's half year. The thinking here is that people who would otherwise have nipped out and bought a sofa had to earmark the

money to settle their tax bill instead.

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As for the weather, Britain did not so much have the wrong kind of rain over Easter, simply too much of it. Sir Graham says that a third of DFS stores are in the Midlands, the area that was worst affected. Customers often drive for up to half an hour to reach their local DFS, the company claims. With the weather so grotty most decided not to chance it.

The odd thing here is that we have not heard similar excuses from the rest of the sector. Rivals such as Courts and Uno seem to be performing well regardless of the weather or tax bills.

What is clear is that after all its early successes, DFS has not managed its recent tendency to disappoint particularly well. Last October's trading update was hopelessly optimistic while the first profits warning in March came just weeks after an upbeat analyst's jaunt.

All this may not bother Sir Graham and his family much, of course, as they have reduced their stake in the business to just 8 per cent. The cleverest sellers were his two children. They got 533p for their shares 18 months ago, almost twice dad's average selling price. Still, filling in the tax forms can't have been so much fun.

£1 m takeover sweetener pledged to Caradon chief

JURGEN HINZ, chief executive-elect of Caradon, the building products group, will receive a payoff of more than £1m if the company is taken over within the first year of his tenure. Caradon's annual report reveals that Mr Hinz's contract contains a clause entitling him to compensation for loss of office of 27 months' salary and benefits in the first year, falling to 18 months in the second year and 12 months in the third, a spokesman said yesterday. Mr Hinz, a US citizen who is seconded to the company from Caradon, Inc. has been offered a three-year contract which will give him an annual remuneration package of £450,000. Caradon denied suggestions that the contract was in breach of corporate governance rules on the length of directors' contracts.

Cadcentre shares slump

SHARES in Cadcentre, the plant design software company, lost a third of their value yesterday after the firm warned that its results for the year to 31 March would be below market expectations. The shares plunged 140p to 265p.

However, Cadcentre said the profits would be substantially higher than the £1.77m it reported last year. The company said a shortfall in sales in the Far East in the final quarter, which is traditionally its strongest trading period, had caused the results to fall below market forecasts. Trade in the Far East and Japan contributed nearly 13 per cent of revenues in 1997.

£25m for Game founder

Neil Taylor, one of the co-founders of Gamer the entertainment software retailer which confirmed plans for a stockmarket listing yesterday, will realise around £25m from the float. Mr Taynd £1m in the company when it started in 1990. He holds a 48.5 per cent stake in the group, which is expected to be valued at more than £100m, and will sell half his holding. Game is raising £10m from the float to fund new store openings. It currently has 70 outlets but has set a target of 120.

JJB keeps growing

IJB SPORTS, one of Britain's leading sports retailers, yesterday dismissed claims that the branded sportswear market was slowing down and said it would continue with its store opening programme. However, the group revealed a sharp slowdown in same store sales growth to 3 per cent in current trading, compared to more 15 per cent during the year. IJB shares, which have fallen dramatically in the past six weeks, edged 16.5p higher to 537.5p on the sales figures, which were not as bad as the market had expected. Profits rose by 68 per cent to £34m on sales up 56 per

Carlton invests in Internet

CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS, Michael Green's media group, yesterday announced plans to set up a business specialising in the Internet. Carlton will invest about £20m in Carlton Online, which create new internet businesses as well as managing Carlton's existing web sites. The company has hired Carol Dukes, formerly joint managing director of Emap Online, to run the

Siemens cautions

THE GERMAN electronics giant Siemens warned yesterday that it may not hit its profit target of DM3bn after unveiling what analysts regarded as a poor set of interim figures. Net income for the six months to 31 March rose by 10 per cent to DM1.18bn compared with expectations of DM1 28bn. Siemens also cautioned that profit growth for the remainder of the year would be hit by the downsum in Asia, where new orders fell by 11 per cent in the first half, and the collapse in chip prices. It has also been affected by teething troubles with a new design of gas turbines on order to several electricity generators, including National Power.

Banking for the poor

THE BANK of Scotland said it was looking into providing banking services for the "financially excluded" - people who are denied access to standard bank accounts. The BoS, which yesterday announced a 11 per cent rise in profits to £742m, also tried to Investment column, page 22. play down acquisition hopes.

Housing still recovering

THE HOUSING market is continuing its gentle recovery, according to the Building Societies Association. Net mortgage lending by building societies fell between February and March, from £741m to £650m. But Adrian Coles, the BSA's director general, said: This is more likely to be a result of month on month fluctuations rather than any worrying trend." Separately, Cheltenham & Gloucester said the cost of buying a home would peak in Decomber 1998, causing home owners to spend £33 out of every £100 of take home pay on their mortgage. That compares to £70 per

£100 in the late 1980s. Axa new business up 12pc

AXA SUN LIFE, the top-five insurer formed from last year's merger of Aza Equity & Law and Sun Life, yesterday unveiled a 12 per cent boost to new business. Despite upheavals caused by the merger, new premiums rose to £102.2m from £91.4m on the back of a known in single premium savings products. However, reguhar premiums barely rose in the face of stiff competition, up from

£47.7m to £49.5m.

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BoS problem is its price

IT MUST all be a little irritating. Your company's had a good year. You release a strong set of figures, profits up 11 per cent to £724m. Even the analysts are surprised how well you've done. And your shares still drop by 5 per cent to 734p, wiping £455m from the value of the company.

But Peter Burt, chief executive of the Bank of Scotland (BoS), took a pretty philosophical view of the 38p slide in the bank's shares yesterday. Mr Burt reckons the shares usually fall on results day - if the bank does poorly, the City is disappointed: if it does well. this usually sparks profittaking. In any case, it is hard to be too upset given the Bank of Scotland's share price has more than doubled over the iast [2 months.

Sir Bruce Pattullo, the outgoing chairman, has certainly bowed out on a decent set of numbers. Net operating income grew by 7.5 per cent in the year to February, and its cost/income ratio improved by 2.5 per cent to a commendable 50 per cent.

Its joint venture with Sainsbury's seems to be going swimmingly, with more than 700,000 customers. Even WestBank of Australia historically BoS's problem child - seems to be settling down a bit. In local currency terms, profits at WestBank grew by 9 per cent, although in sterling, which appreciated substantially against the Australian dollar over the last year, the picture looks a little less bright.

BoS has also managed to avoid some of the difficulties currently troubling many of its competitors. It side-stepped the whole pensions mis-selling débacle because it merely acts as a middle-man for Standard Life, once a major shareholder. Neither did the bank have any significant assets in

The real problem with the BoS is nothing to do with its

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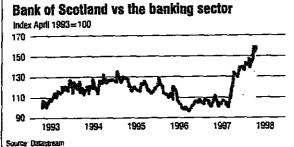
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Bank of Scotland vs the market					





banking shares have done well lately, and BoS shares have done better than most.

As with all the banks, the recent share-price surge is being driven by merger fever. speculation that BoS has been keen to play down. Even after yesterday's easing of its share price, the BoS, on a forward price-earnings ratio of

Avis starts in the fast lane

AVIS Europe is on a roll. In its maiden results since returning to the stock market the group unveiled a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £75.6m. Avis's performance looks even pound is stripped out. In ecus, the European currency, profits rose 56 per cent.

The car hire industry grows in a direct correlation to the core business. The shares are number of passengers flying

economy. With the UK enjoying a sustained recovery and the airline industry flying high. Avis's market is booming.

So can Avis continue motoring along in the fast lane? With UK economy likely to slow over the next few years, it will find it difficult to match the 18 per cent growth in volumes it achieved last year and analysts 18.5. is still looking a bit believe the group's margin growth is also bound to slow.

However, a lucrative new contract with British Airways is a big plus. And the UK only accounts for a fifth of the business, A recovery in continental Europe will bolster business across the Channel. With European airline passengers forecast to rise by at looks well placed.

The Asian crisis has tembetter if the effect of the strong porarily scuppered Avis's plans to exploit the overseas market but its exposure there is limited and so the economic turmoil should have little effect on profits.

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year ago priced at 125p, although the stock slipped 6p to 227.5p yesterday. Analysts forecast profits of £87m, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of around 20. Its rating is beginning to look a bit racy. But the shares look a solid hold as the group still has plenty of opportunities to exploit the strength of its brand name and expand overseas.

Shake-up for Bentalls

UP UNTIL a few years ago Bentalls was a genteel suburban department store chain, doing nothing much and going nowhere. But that has all changed. A massive shake-up has seen it sell or redevelop most of its property portfolio around its Kingston headquarters, the proceeds of which have been reinvested in its stores and a new distribution centre.

This radical restructuring is beginning to pay off. Profits trebled to more than £11.7m in the year to January, although the figures were flattered by a £6.6m profit from property sales. Even so, retailing profits rose by 28 per cent to £3.4m. A new store in Bristol, which will add 10 per cent to turnover by the end of the year, is on schedule to open in October.

But the closure of one of the two car parks at the flagship store in Kingston last month could stifle its recovery. It has already affected sales at weekends and the group will not know until the end of next week if it will reopen in time to accommodate the allimportant Christmas trade.

And the increase in profits masks the fact that underlying sales growth slowed from 11 least 6 per cent a year, Avis per cent in the first half to 4.2 per cent in the second half.

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That said, the City is looking for profits of around £5.5m, putting the shares, which rose 6p to 143.5p, on a prospective p/e of 16. Trading at a comfortable discount to net assets of 181p, the shares Avis's shares have motored should make a sound invest-

Lloyd's £100m return

By Andrew Yates

DAVID LLOYD, the former tennis star and Davis Cup captain, yesterday served an a new challenge to his old firm by launching a £100m health and fitness chain. The creation of Next Generation Clubs will pit Mr Lloyd head to head with Whitbread, which bought his David Lloyd clubs for £200m in 1995, making the tennis pro a multi-millionaire.

Scottish & Newcastle is joining forces with Mr Lloyd to take on one of its archrivals. In its first foray into the health and fitness market the leisure giant has paid £3.5m for a near 15 per cent stake in the

Next Generation Clubs has earmarked £100m to open 20 new clubs at a rate of four a year, including three in the UK and one in Australia. The first sites are due to be opened next summer in Edinburgh and Dundee, Scottish & Newcastle plans to install lodges and entertainment such as bowling alleys and bars alongside the

Mr Lloyd originally joined Whitbread to oversee the development of his chain but soon became uncomfortable with working as part of a large group and left little more than a year later. He was tennis circuit.



Fighting fit: The star David Lloyd has served up a new rival for Whitbread by launching a £100m health and

officially barred from setting up a new health and fitness chain until last October but entrusted Scott, his 23-year-old son, to develop the new company.

The Lloyd family, including David's brother John, another former tennis star, have already pumped £3.5m into the project. Other investors include Billie Jean King, a doyenne of the female

Mr Lioyd said vesterday he had not lost any enthusiasm for the business: "I # am an entrepreneur and I love to work." he said.

Whithread claimed that it was unconcerned by Mr Lloyd's return to the

The market is growing extremely quickly and there is plenty of room for another competitor," it said.

Tomkins deal sent to MMC

By Clifford German

THE FUTURE of the six Spillers flour mills which Tomkins, the conglomerate. bought from Irish group Kerry for £92m earlier this year was suddenly thrown into doubt yesterday when Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs minister, referred the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said the acquisition by Tomkins, which gives the group almost 40 per cent of the UK flour market, about the supply of flour in

The DTI is allowed to refer month. acquisitions which create or intensify a market share of 25 per cent of the supply in the UK, bridge, Liverpool, Newcastle or involve the takeover of assets and Tilbury, together with the exceeding £70m.

Tomkins already owns the ness of RHM, the makers of a profit of £10.7m on sales of Mothers Pride bread and Mr £148m in the year to June Kipling cakes, which accounts 1997. But finding a new buyer for more than 25 per cent of could be difficult because the market. The Spillers business gives it a further 10 iated British Foods, already per cent.

confirmed that it had been aware of the risk of a referral at the time the deal was completed in February. Tomkins shares fell 6.5p to

359p yesterday. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is expected lo give a ruling on the deal by the end of July. However, a spokesman for Kerry Group made it clear that, as far as Kerry was concerned, the deal is done and it will be up to Tomkins to find new owners if the MMC advises the minister to reject the deal.

The mills were sold to Kerraised competition concerns ry Group by Dalgety in January this year and then re-sold to Tomkins the following

The six Spillers mills at for acquisitions. bakery distribution business of Fleming Howden in Scotland, bread and flour milling busi- employ 650 workers and made Allied Mills, part of Assoc-

Tomkins had originally tried

to buy the Spillers business direct from Dalgety, which insisted on selling its entire food business in a single package. opening the way for Kerry group. Market sources said in February that Tomkins may have had to overpay to secure the Spillers flour mills on their own. At the time they were said to have an asset value of just £44m.

Mr Hutchings has been under pressure from investors to return Tomkins' growing cash pile to shareholders. However, even though Tomkins recently initiated a limited programme of share buy-backs, the group has consistently insisted that it would use its cash

On the Dublin stock exchange vesterday Kerry Group's shares rose to their seventh successive record high of

Ir£11.25, up a further 25p. Kerry Group intends to retain the bulk of the assets it bought from Dalgety for £335m, including the Homepride flour business to supply its own baking mixes. It also raised fresh capital earlier this year to has almost 30 per cent of the help reduce its debt.

Pension watchdog accused on top-ups

By Andrew Verity

CITY regulators were yesterday accused of failing to halt the misselling of pension top-up contracts, despite persistent signs that it could become the next big public seandal.

Bacon & Woodrow, the leading authority on the contracts, said it had evidence of employees paying large commissions to life insurers for selling schemes for additional contributions voluntary (AVCs), a method of topping up employers' schemes.

The evidence indicates that sales people were failing properly to tell customers they could get the same scheme within their own company without paying any commission. That would save each customer hundreds of pounds.

Bacon & Woodrow said customers were still being wrongly advised to buy top-ups from outside sales people, when the schemes are known as freestanding AVCs. That leads them to pay unnecessary commissions which can eat up half of all savings in the first two years.

Andy Cox, an AVC expert at the consultancy, said: "The PIA claimed there was no evidence of misselling following a review in 1996, but did feel the need to issue guidance on the selling of free-standing AVC contracts.

"Despite this, evidence from some of our clients suggests that some contracts are still being sold without the member being made fully aware of the inscheme opnons."

In a recent survey by Bacon & Woodrow, a quarter of pension schemes had members who had bought top-up contracts from outside and paid commission. That was despite the fact that the same contract, with the same provider, was commission-free within the company. Many in the industry pri-

vately fear regulators are reluctant to investigate because of the effort required. The regulator is still heavily involved in the mammoth review of personal pension misselling, where employees were persuaded to opt out of employer schemes.

The PIA said it had not uncovered any evidence of misselling. "We are happy that the monitoring is sufficiently thorough to have identified any serious problem," a spokeswoman

Liffe dismisses 60 in battle to cut costs

By Lea Paterson

LIFFE; the London international financial futures and options exchange, has fired 60 of its 1,000 employees as part of a £44m cost-cutting drive.

Liffe said the staff, who were told yesterday, were employed across the organisation. The exchange, which plans to cut 130 from 1998's budgeted head-count, revealed the redundancies as it announced a series of proposals for reform.

The board wants to adopt a "for profit" objective, to let non-members own shares in the exchange and to end the link between permits and share ownership for electronic trading.

Daniel Hodson, Liffe's chief executive, said the exchange had taken "unbelievable strides" over the past three months. "I think the board should be congratulated," he added.

However, key City figures are likely to be disappointed by the proposals, which are not as radical as many had hoped. The board has also yet to decide on key issues such as the precise structure of its share own-

Mr Hodson said detailed proposals will be mailed to exchange members in the week beginning 4 May. He also ruled for the foreseeable future. ownership of Liffe".

Liffe's board has recently come under attack for its failure to react effectively to fierce competition from other exchanges, in particular the Deutsche Terminborse (DTB), which has stolen the lion's share of trading in the prestigious German Bund future. Mr Hodson admitted the cur-

rent management structure of the exchange was unwieldy. "The exchange is run very much on a consensus basis, which can make it very difficult to get difficult decisions made," he said. Liffe members believe the recent decision to cut the size of the board from 24 to 19 or 18 should also make decision-making easier.

If the board's most recent. proposals are approved by Liffe's 215 members m an extraordinary general meeting next month, the exchange will be run for profit, and shareholders will receive dividends.

It will also be easier for non-members to buy shares in the exchange. Currently, all Liffe members are shareholders, and only shareholders can trade on the exchange. However, the number of new shareholders is expected to be limited. Jack Wigglesworth, Liffe's chairman, said the proposals "are not expected to out flotation of the exchange. alter materially the existing

The board wants to end the one share-one permit system for its new electronic trading system. At the moment, each Liffe trader has to have a permit, and permits are linked to share ownership. Liffe said that structure was "not applicable to screen based trading and envisages that access [to its electronic system) will be granted in exchange for subscriptions set at competitive market rates." But it is not clear whether

the link between share ownership and permits to trade will be broken on the traditional "open. outcry" trading floor. That issue is still under review.

Liffe has not yet decided which electronic trading system to introduce, who its new fulltime chairman will be or whether the exchange will move to Spitalfields in east London. Outlook, page 21

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Dividend rumours dim National Power

MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN

NATIONAL POWER blew a positive. However, CL sees singing GEC's praises, lifting and book retailer Ottakar's, series of downbeat presentations to analysis.

"Not so," was the response could look precarious by from NP's Swindon headquar-around 2,005. ters. A spokesman said: "We have given no briefings at all."

volume at nearly 25 million. at 630p.

According to rumours, NP's trawl around the City had the blue chip leader board with riorating outlook and a likely £800m Tracor acquisition in headway. inability to cover the divi- the US. Other transatiantic dend, which would have to be deals are likely and already continued on hopes of US accut early in the millennium.

"Nothing has changed; real dividend growth is our policy."

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson put a sell sign over the shares but Credit Lyonnais is

the generator had made a down. Merrill Lynch has also 14.5p gain on Tucsday. recently fretted about dividend growth, suggesting cover

The rest of the stock market milled around uncertain-NP was the second busiest ly with Footsie swinging from traded share with Seaq putting a 40.8 points gain to a 36.5 loss, ending 23.9 down at 5,931.1. 32.5p to 286.5p but LIB Sports up failed to appear. Some large deals went Interest rate doubts are still in through, including one of 7.2 the air despite Bank of Engmillion at 561p. The price land Governor Eddie ended 16p lower at 564p after George's hint they may have covered some of their old at one time riding 50p higher peaked. Government stocks

were lifeless. General Electric Co led there is talk that GEC could tion; the shares gained 5.25p The NP spokesman said: barge into the struggling gain to 346p. Rolls-Royce's merger between Northrop

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planned US road show lifted Grumman and Lockheed the shares 4.5p to 271p.

corporate stirrings in the US. National Westminster Bank. Standard Chartered and even left the impression of a dete- the market warming to its out-of-favour Halifax made Ladbroke's impressive run

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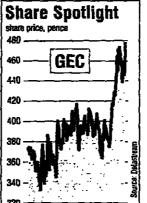
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House of Fraser's revamp SBC Warburg and Lebman of its Kensington store,

fuse as stories circulated that dividend growth slowing the shares 20p to 478p after a floated last week at 153p, for around 13 per cent of The merged group will be just jumped 31.5p to 234p.

Cadcentre, a supplier of detinued to spin showbiz group sign software, was the day's £1.8m but below market ex- cations. EMI higher, up 13p at 513p, major casualty, slumping 140p and Rentokil Initial put on 6p to 265p on a profits warning. to 396p on Warburg support. Institutional selling preceded Profit figures and accomthe statement. At least two

panying statements made an funds were unsettled when impact. DFS Furniture lost an expected year-end round-



sales, has done the damage. behind the industry leader, Profits will be above last year's Cable & Wireless Communi-

pectations. 172.5p, was the best performer. Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, the French group, produced a 175p a share year, jumped 75p (after 145p) agreed offer. The deal foilowed an approach by Ash- but Thorn, the rental group,

Triad, an IT group, rose 56.5p to 581.5p, in response to Merrill Lynch interest. The insearch of the company with a buy recommendation.

Telewest Communications and its target, General Cable, moved ahead on, it appeared, to 317p. US buying. GC hardened 17.5p to 186.5p and Telewest group, jumped 4.25p to 19.75p 13p to 107p. Telewest, the with a remarkable 28.2 million second largest cable group in shares traded. It is scoring from Britain, agreed a £649m cash the financial difficulties its main

The Far East, accounting fifth largest group, last week.

Telewest was floated at Oliver Ashworth, up 52p to 182.5p in 1994; in the following year GC arrived at 183.5p. Colt Telecom, which

touched 1,630p earlier this to 1.315p as bid talk resurfaced worth to buy some of was sold down 3.5p to 204.5p Saint-Gobain's UK opera- with some speculators growing tired of waiting for bid action.

IMI, the engineer, continued to draw strength from showing off its US operations vestment house started its re- to analysts, gaining 20.5p to 463p. Other engineers were helped by the slightly weaker pound. Glynwed International, for example, added 19.5p

Calluna, the disc drive and shares takeover of GC the LIS rival has encountered.

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PILKINGTON, the glass group, scored a 6.5p gain to 123p with the warrants 5p higher at 6,5p. Goldman Sachs, the US investment house, put a longer term target of 187p on the shares, pointing to an improving outlook for prices and progress in cutting costs, Pilks has endured a long, hard struggle. Nine years ago its shares were 251p.

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SHIELD Diagnostic, developing a test for heart disease, is looking valuerable to a strike. The shares have been weak following forced selling in the wake of stockbroker Branston & Gothard's problems. They closed 7.5p higher at 560p with overseas buyers mopping up stock. Talk is that a European drug major has its eye on Shield, up to 782.5p last year.

HEWETSON, a building materials group, is attracting interest. The shares rose 6.5p to 156.5p, a peak. Talk of a bid is in the air. A year ago the price was 75.5p.

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Why knowledge is the new engine of economic growth



DIANE COYLE ON THE **CHALLENGES** FACING THE WEIGHTLESS **ECONOMY**

THE ECONOMY has edge does not prevent others natural marketplace is global seem to agree. The Americans digm, others talk about the based economy, while I prefer to describe it as weightlessness, to put the emphasis on the growing share of intangible

Whatever your preference. and with all the appropriate cautions about the tendency in human nature to declare a miracle at the top of every business cycle, it is clear there is broad agreement that what drives the engine of growth and wealth creation has changed.

However, there is far less consensus about how it has changed and what the implications might be. For example, what kinds of industrial restructuring might we expect? equality the tolls that have to be paid to enter this new growth path? In a talk delivered to the Social Market Foundation earlier this week, Professor Danny Quah of the London School of Economics set out some of the basic economic issues facing the weightless world.

Drawing on the work of the Nobel Laureate Kenneth Arrow, a pioneer of the rewards from weightless ecoeconomics of information. Professor Quah argued that there priable in the way that the are three properties which characterise our new world. The weightless economy consists of going to prosper? activities, products and services where what people are willing to pay for is intangible. It might be a derivatives trade or insurance policy, a piece of genetic clearly, the most weightless incode, a movie or recording, a brand image or attractive design, or a piece of software. What it is not is material stuff. Gates. Of the 20 wealthiest So the computer industry is the obvious manifestation, but so is rich list, three had got there the protection of intellectual a pair of Gucci sandals whose buyer is paying for what they do for her image and confidence of the computer industry and rather than something to protect her feet.

One property shared by all these bits of economic value is my use of the piece of knowl- pop music to software, the vertising are absolutely crucial

software code has been created, like to call it the "new para- any number of people can consume it without detracting from information or knowledge- the ability of others to do so at the same time. A related property is inappropriability. Once invented or thought up, an idea cannot be appropriated. It is common human property.

This is why intellectual prop-

erty rights and patents have always been so controversial and bitterly protected, and are increasingly so. It is because they are attempts to defend the indefensible. International diplomais and lawyers will fight their hardest to protect recordings from Chinese pirates or a brand name from low-cost manufacturers in cheap labour countries. But, speaking in terms of the economics rather than the law. once an idea, invention or cre-And are insecurity and in- ative inspiration is out there in public, it is there. It is only the first act of creation that really adds to economic welfare. "Reinventing the wheel gets no points for improving the lot of humanity," as Professor

> Quah put it. These basic properties of a rapidly increasing share of the advanced economies have some subtle implications. If the nomic activity are not approrewards from making machine tools are, then exactly who is

> On the face of it, you would think anybody can benefit from the value of ideas if those ideas cannot be fully protected. Yet, dustries generate the most fabulously wealthy individuals, whether the top pop stars or Bill Americans in the latest US through computer software, another three were in other bits two were media magnates.

Part of the explanation lies in the "superstar" nature of industries where there are inthat they are "infinitely expan- creasing returns to scale. For underlying economics is that, sible". This simply means that many weightless activities, from like it or not, marketing and ad-

changed, many commentators from using it. Once a piece of and the marginal cost of expanding is virtually zero. If you can get in first and corner the market, by establishing the bestknown brand, or by exploiting the kind of network externalities that have aided Microsoft that they want to spend their (if almost everybody already uses Windows, the attractiveness of that software to new users is increased), you are

This is the kind of argument on which the US Justice Department is basing its current case against Microsoft, on the grounds that the company has started to enhance its seminatural monopoly by foul means as well as fair. But Professor Quah has some sympathy for Mr Gates' defence, which is that he has only a brief opportunity to profit from his firstcomer status because of all the potential future Microsofts scrambling up behind him.

After all, the Microsofts and Intels spend small fortunes on start-ups because they need a the growth. constant supply of fresh and creative ideas. Professor Quah points to the near death and last-minute resuscitation of IBM - although he forgets to mention the part played in its downfall in the mid-1980s by an anti-trust case brought by the Justice Department.

Even so, it is the case that being a weightless monopolist is not like being a monopoly aircraft manufacturer. There is plenty of opportunity for new challengers to enter the market because start-up costs are low and the ultimate barrier between any of us and a billiondollar fortune is a telephone line, an idea and hard work. What's more, the classic argument in favour of patents and property applies in spades these days: future innovators will be discouraged from bothering at all unless they see that the first person to have an idea gets

some protection for it. A further implication of the

to economic growth. No matter that we are all thoroughly fedup with Cool Britannia by now, the image actually is going to make a difference to our future prosperity. It is all about persuading consumers world-wide value that we are creating.

It is easy to dismiss this as hype. But Professor Quah presents some figures that should give the sceptics pause for thought. In the first half of this century - a pretty unexciting time in terms of new technologies – technological progress which boosted the productivity of labour and capital accounted for nine-tenths of economic growth in the industrial economies

When the same exercise in growth accounting is applied to the late 20th century, when the real price of computer power has fallen 30 per cent a year in real terms for two decades, it is a fair bet that technology will R&D and buying up other have accounted for almost all of

Between 1992 and 1997 the information technology industries alone, just one corner of the weightless economy, contributed more than a quarter of America's economic growth. By the end of that period, the software and computer service industries were employing 1.2 million people on an average salary of \$56,000 a year, double the private sector average. If this is the potential result, it is worth putting up with the

marketing hype. None of this is assured, however. As the presentation pointed out, medieval China made huge technological advances, but restrictive government policies preventing their dissemination meant that by the 19th century China lagged far behind the West economically. The British government, like the US administration, is more than willing to embrace weightlessness in theory. But they have to stick to it in practice too. and that might not be so easy.

Professor Quah's web page: http://econ.lse.ac.uk/staff/dquah/

PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**

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THERE WAS much amusement in the Square Mile yesterday as Johnny Townsend stepped down as chairman of Yorkshire engineering company Severfield-Reeve after just a single month in the post. It is considered to be one of the briefest tenures in City history.

Mr Townsend, one of the City's old school bankers and one its best known bon viveurs, is vice-chairman of Hoare Govett corporate finance. Hoare Govett and ABN Autro just happen to be the company's broker and financial adviser respectively. This did not go down too well with the Association of British Insurers, which felt there was just a hint of. conflict of interest. "Er, well, yes," a spokesman said. "Johnny has done a great job for the company and they felt he would make an excellent chairman. Sadly the ABI did not agree." Mr Townsend is being replaced by Peter Levine.

IT'S NOT immediately clear what the chief executive of a nuclear waste company could bring to the FSA, the government's spanking. new financial services regulator. However, I'm assured that Michael Folger, the new director of investment business at the FSA, is more than qualified for the job. Mr Folger, formerly chief executive of UK Nirex, was once a senior vice president at Dean Witter Reynolds. the brokerage. He also started out his career at HM Treasury.

In a quite unconnected affair it was, of course, the First Lord of the Treasury, one Tony Biair, who was yesterday revealed to have accepted four kilograms of highly volatile nuclear waste from the former Soviet republic of Georgia. If the FSA ever has a tonne of uranium it needs to get rid of in a hurry, it'll now know where to turn.

ANDREW KIMBER, a financial markets analyst at UBS, is making a name for himself with one of his extra-curricular activities -horse-racing. The 32-year-old boy wonder, who has a PhD in theoretical physics, is a keen amateur jockey and owns two horses, Shahik and Remei, which he keeps stabled in Buck-

Mr Kimber's talents have been spotted by Sporting Life's gossip column, which has identified him as an up and comer. The paper says that when not number-crunching at his desk, Mr Kimber can be found at a City gym working off the pounds so he can make his weights. His next race is on Shahik at Southwell in Nottinghamshire next Monday. How does he find the time?

SPEAKING of UBS, it's hard to believe there are any former UBS-ers still without a job. given the seemingly never-ending series of hiring announcements spewing from the press offices of rival investment banks. However, news from Salomon Smith Barney confirms there are at least a few casualties of the UBS/SBC merger still doing the rounds at the headhunters. Salomon has hired 11 ex-UBS equity staff - five in its Singapore office and six in Malaysia.

HAVING taken over the Seven-11 chain of convenience stores last year, Budgens has now completed the re-branding of the portfolio under the name B2. But I can reveal that this name was only arrived at after several other possibilities were rejected by John von Spreklesen Budgens' chief executive.

One early candidate for the name was John Budgens, who founded the supermarket group 125 years ago. This was ruled out, presumably on the grounds of being too boring. Also considered was Twenty Four-Seven, a reference to the stores being open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That too was shelved. However, the company claims it was nothing to do with the release of a movie of the same name about boning and starting Bob Hoskins.

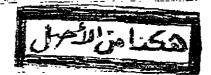
KPMG may have been jilted at the altar in its efforts to merge with Ernst & Young but at least it has succeeded in getting a semior partner. Mike Rake, 50, will be in charge of mursing the egos of the accountancy firm's. 9,000 UK staff, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Rake has a good reason to view with postalgic eyes the position of his opposite number at E&Y, Nick Land, and wonder what became of their cosy marriage. The Rake began his career in the early 1970s at a large London firm called Turquands Barton & Mayhew, which was soon gobbled up by Ernst & Young. Among the young Turks at E&Y was an ambitious young man named Nick Land. After working close to Mr Land, Mr Rake jumped ship. Could they still be best of friends? Colin Sharman, RPMG's underpaid incumbent, will stay on, concentrating on the firm's international business.

PROOF, if proof were needed, that Tony Blair is getting too cosy with Microsoft's Bill Gates. Mr Blair is due to launch Number 10's new Internet website on 29 April with a live on-line interview.

However, if you wish to register to pose a question to our beloved PM, you will have to have Microsoft's NetShow plugged in to watch it. So if your system uses Netscape no Tony, and no Cool Britannia. On the other hand, perhaps that's not so bad ...

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Glow-Worm displays flair

By John Cobb

DERBY DAY conquered one of the problems that has affected its attendance figures and atmosphere in recent years, lack most of the Grandstand areas of confidence. As commentators will be full. The capacity in these complained so their criticisms became self-fulfilling prophecies 1,000 to 5,000 to ensure greater and the once great crowds dwindled to a pathetic scattering on the Downs despite switching the race to a Saturday.

Saturday switch has been accepted by the public and yesterday the course executive spoke in excited terms of record bookings for the big day.

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per cent up on last year and tickets are selling so fast that by the Derby Day, 6 June, it is expected that the Club enclosure and enclosures has been reduced by comfort and safety. There will still be room in the outer areas and on the Downs, where race-

goers will be encouraged to cre-Now there are signs that the ate "the world's biggest picnic". Sue Elien, United Racecourses managing director, said: "The Lonsdale area, where the double-decker buses are stationed, has been full since

from the weather. Heavy rain

has made the five-furlong

course "just about unraceable",

according to the clerk of the

course, Andrew Cooper, and

without races over that trip. The

"If necessary we will have a

track will be inspected at

11.30am today.

HYPERION

O Right-hand, gationing course with very stiff 51.

Course is fin W of sown on A1035. Beverley station (Hull – Scarborough line) 2m. AD-MISSION: Cub Ltvl, Tattersalls 29 (CAPs £5); Stever Fing 29 (AGPs £2); Course £2 (CAPs £150), Picros area £2 or £2 per car plus £2 per coupers. CAP PARKS Fine.

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2.10 FULFORD MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 added 5f

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Court her at this trip, but the chances are we haven't seen the best of Super Ship; a brother to stablemate Safio, who won four handleage in a row last summer. Selec-

PANNELL CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £2,469

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Par Hastern worn tast year's race with Going For Broke and DANCING RIO is the one to best this time round even though he's guing away at least 10th. He's better off at these weights than he would be in a handcap. Denoing Fios how-year-old unit form warnt as good as Going For Broke's but he showed promise, nevertheless, and the four all-weather races he's won already this year include claiment at Lingfield and Southwelf for Carl

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: K Darley 49 wireners from 214 rides (success rate 22.9%), J W

GOING: Soft. STALLS: Inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 51 & 71 100yde.

3.10 JULIES JEWEL (nap) 4.40 Arctic Star

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Penalty Value £3,574

3.40 Brimming

4.10 Our Way

vears. We are doing everything we can to re-establish the Derby as a popular day out."

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Ten Mile Hill (Perth.4:50) NB: Lady Rachel (Beverley 4.40)

Last year's improved figures helped convince the race's sponsor, Vodafone, to renew their backing which had looked in jeopardy. Terry Barwick, a Vodafone director, said: "The crowds came back last year and I will remember forever the

The prospect of soft ground

threatens the participation of

both the favourite, Cool Dawn,

his stablemate Super Tactics and

the top weight, Go Ballistic.

for the other runners will rise

by 10lb. That would favour

Cariboo Gold who has been cut

Lowther, Arm And A Lag didn't really take to the all-weather, but this could be his sort of race, because the last time he ren on turl he finished a close third in the 29-hunner Newmarket seller won by Mart-Ela. In contrast, Cutting Anahaka finished tailed-off tast of 20 in the Newmarket seller won by Ringleader, but he want on to best a big field at Southwell.

Selection: DANCING RIO

3.10 49'S NEW WEIGHTING 1100yds Pen Value £6,313 (CLASS C) £10,000 3YO 71 100yds Pen Value £6,313

49'S NEW WEIGHING ROOM RATED HANDICAP

1997: Havail 9 5 M Hills 4-1 (B Hills) drawn (2.7 ran POPM GUIDE

ROI DE DANSE might just surprise some of the more obvious cantidates, such as Warndering Wolf and Dencing Dervish, both in a handicap for the first time, Lecaster with the programment fine Downtown Fox and values Jewel, who showed his Doncester win wae no false by finishing fourth of 21 behind Jils at Newmarkst. Rol De Dense is a half-brother to Royal Philosopher, who acted on soft ground and who won the 1996 Newbury Spring Cup for John Hills. He sent out Kristy, Night to win a Listed race on his resppearance at Kempton over Easter and Neutrical Star also won first time out recently in a tricky handicap at Newmarkst. Wandering Wolf made his debut at Royal Ascot, in the Windsor Castie, then showed promise both starts in maidens. With improvement almost certain, he looks the sort to make a big impact now he's in a handicap, especially with Kleren Palon taking the ride. Dancing Dervish can go on the shortist too, even though he's 5th out of the handicap and his pedigree hints that he might need more of a stamina test. He could be that whis bit sharper for his run behind Stanott at Folkestone. Justes Jewel is also 3ib wrong, but he wasn't acopping at Newmarket and is rounted with Michael Roberts, who won on him at Doncaster. Goodwood Cavelier, beaten a short-head by The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only third when taxourite at Righton last-week. The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only third when taxourite at Righton last-week. The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only the when taxourite at Righton last-week. The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only the when taxourite at Righton last-week. The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only the when taxourite at Righton last-week. The Downtown Fox at Laicester, was only their when the maintenance of cause and Sweet Reward race for the first time since they were second and fifth in the conditions race won by The Rich Man at Poutefract less June. The long lay-off counts against them, but the text that both go in tes

3.40 MOORTOWN MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,470

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Henry Cecil won the 12-furlong mation as Newmarket nine days ago with Capri, but his horses haven't really got going yet and Brissating mg/nt be vulnerable despite two tar efforts last season. Emming must win a maiden at least and the same applies to Guildhall, although he's also from a yerd that lant exactly buzong, Mark Johnston's winners and the chances are that LUCAYAN SPRING will know what is wented. With Frankle Darior taking the nde. Lucayan Spring might be good enough first time. Lucayan Spring is a first foal by Eta Man Mou, e're of Johnston's classy stayers Double Trigger and Double Edipes, while Seignorial is out of a man that has produced several winners, including Suave Dancer, who won the Arc in 1991. Seignorial is a newcomer well worth considering.

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Inspection at soggy Sandown

THE Whitbread meeting at five-race card on both days,"

the two-day fixture, due to start Should they be withdrawn, as

tomorrow, could take place seems likely, then the weights

Sandown remains under threat Cooper said.

Tattenham Corner. We made way to the Derby for which he our decision after the race but was a supplementary entry at a the success of Derby Day made cost of £8,000. it a lot easier to reach."

the course fell to The Glowthat has tantalisingly eluded him. The Glow-Worm, one of Hills's seven Derby entries, and now heads for the Chester Feilden Stakes runner-up, Alboostan, a better Derby contender and he will next take in

Advanced bookings are 100 March, way ahead of other noise as the horses came round the Dante Stakes at York on his Before all that comes the

Yesterday's Derby trial over 2,000 Guineus, from which there was mass defection at yesterday's Worm, who kept alight Barry acceptance stage. Of the 77 Hills's ambition to win the race original entries 48 were taken out, leaving just 29. Notable withdrawals include Fleetwood. whom Henry Cecil may resoute won a long duel with Achilles to the Dante, while uncertain starters include Daring Derek Vase and then the Italian Der- and Desert Prince, whose ownby. Hills seems to rate the cr. Edward St George, is unwilling to take on Xaar, and Tamarisk, who is being aimed at the French 2,000 Guineas.



Sue Ellen: Upbeat report

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Conjecture over successor angers Pilkington

SIR Thomas Pilkington, the candidates are Peter Savill, acting chairman of the British whose criticism of Lord Wakeham paved the way for his de-Horseracing Board since the parture, and Sir William Purves, controversial resignation of the outgoing chairman of HSBC Lord Wakeham in January, yesterday strongly criticised spec-Holdings Bank. He is believed to be the favoured candidate of ulation about which way the directors of the board will vote the Jockey Club appointed diwhen deciding his successor. rectors on the board.

Should Savill's and Purves's Directors of the BHB will supporters reach deadlock then vote on 12 May and have been presented with a short-list of a compromise candidate could to 13-2 from 8-1 by William Hill. nine candidates. The leading come to the fore. Lord Hart-

ington, the visionary whose skills enabled the BHB to take power from the Jockey Club and who served as its first chairman, could fill such a role. "All candidates should know

that no decision will be taken until interviews have taken place," Pilkington said. "Speculation on the voting intentions of board members is premature and discourteous to both board members and candidates."

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Form Guide.

For the ride. There are doubts of one sort or another about much of the opposition, including SiNG AND DANCE, whose only win so far was in a stir-furner maiden handicap on fest ground. She might be worth risiding in a trucky race, though, because first time out last year she ran Domno Flyer to hall a length in a field of 8 at Newcastle. This course and plenty of cut in the ground brought out the best in Lindrick Lady lest year, so she commands respect even if she was a long way behind Topaton at Leices.

The mile she tacked there is probably on the short side for her these days. Tycoon Time couldn't defy a penalty after scraping home in a weak-looking handicap at Hamilton but at least she's not in too tough a contest here and goes on soft ground. The three races that Janghynya won last year for Sean Woods were claimers, but two of them were for today's niter, Poyston Ptrench, and she's fit from hurdling, Selection: SiNG AND DANCE.

4.40 WOODHALL SPA HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m 2f Penalty Value £3,938

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sey, Greineno, Massmedes, Ledy Rachel, 12-1 others 1937. Regal Patrol 8 12 J Red 4-1 (M Stocke) crawn (2) 7 ran FORM GUIDE weather winner Amorguous made the most of a favourable mark at Ripon last wee

All-weather winner Ambiguous made the most of a tavourable mark at Pipon last week and, if any of the all-weather horses in this line-up is well handicapped, its Grafimano rither than Ambiguous's stablemate Mitrade Island is from an in-torm yard and has France Dettori on board but has disappointed on a couple of occasions, including when visored last time. Grafimano has worked his way up to a much higher all-weather rating, but he might just be worth opposing back on grass, with MASAMADAS an interesting alternative now that he's in his first handicap and up in distance. Double Ediged, who beat Masamadas a length in a Southert maiden, had good turl form to his credit (ran Eco Priendly close in a field of 22 at Donicaster) and Masamadas is an unexposed type out of a mare that has produced a number of winners. Tansale was among the also-cars on his last two luverale starts, but they were in ultra-competitive nursenes at Donicaster and Newmarket. Even if he was fisitived by running Monsajem to half a length at Chepstow, he still commands respect in this company. Dutch Lad, who made the most of an easy operang at Musselburgh last time, could easily be in at the firsh, and Adnan McCarthy is a nice booking for Lady Rechel, from the in-form Les Eyre yard. The fifty has run three sound races against colts in maidens and could go well under a low weight.

drug claims Athletics By Mike Rowbottom

ABEL ANTON. Spain's world marathon champion, yesterday dismissed claims that his rise to prominence had been assisted by illegal methods.

Anton hits

back at Pinto

Anton, one of the favourites for Sunday's London Marathon. moved up from track running in 1996, winning the Berlin Marathon in 2hr 9min 15sec and is one of a group of leading Spanish distance runners who include Martin Fiz. his predecessor as world champion.

But the Spanish success story has had its detractors, one of whom came from inside their own camp. Last year Pablo Sierra, a 2hr 11min marathon runner, was suspended for six months by the Spanish federation after accusing Anton and Fiz of using erythropoicum, or EPO, a drug which increases endurance by stimulating the growth of red blood cells.

The defending London champion, Antonio Pinto of Portugal, is reported to have cast doubt on the Spaniards' swift progress, and to have Mostaza said. mentioned Anton by name.

Yesterday Anton, and then. more vociferously, his manager Miguel Mostaza, responded to the criticism. "Pinto is a good friend of mine and I was very upset when I heard about

these allegations," Anton said through his interpreter. "I have had a long career, and I have never had any positive tests." He added that he was one of

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the first athletes to be tested through a blood sample. "I don't have any worries about this because my conscience is completely clear." he said.

Mostaza, who manages both Anton and Fiz, said that there was no secret to the Spanish success in middle and long distance events - it stemmed from a government-backed system of support which was instituted before the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Promising youngsters were offered annual grants of \$20,000 (£12,500), and Anton, as world champion, was guaranteed three years on a government grant of \$50,000. That infrastructure, and the support of a team of doctors and physiotherapists, offered athletes the best possible environment to develop their talent.

"If you had this programme running in England, then within four years you would have some of the leading runners in the world, as you once used to,"

Referring to Pinto's comments, he added: "I think this is a little question of personal insecurity, if you see people who are coming who are very strong and maybe will make you disappear."

Henley set to host women's eights event

Rowing

By Hugh Matheson

HENLEY Royal Regatta is to will go to a final the next day.

A variety of women's events for the first time last year.

introduce an event for women's eights for the first time this year. Four of the top crews from the recent World Championships have accepted invitations. Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States will be drawn to race semi-finals on standay 4 July and the winners

have been worked into the Henley programme since 1981 but the only survivor to date has been the single sculls event, which was | and EF Language, thereby keepintroduced in 1993 as part of the Fisa World Cup and has continued as a race for the Princess Royal Challenge Cup, awarded

The British crew will be based on the line-up which took a bronze medal, the first ever for a British women's eight, in the World Championships last year. The Canadians took silver then and the US finished sixth.

Heiner heads the battle of Baltimore

Sailing

ALL THE way down the fleet. the battles continued right up Chesapeake Bay yesterday as the seventh leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race staged a grandstand finish in Baltimore.

Still out in front was the Dutchman Roy Heiner, whose Brunel Sunergy was holding on to an nine-mile advantage due to a successful tactical gamble on the first night of the 870-mile sprint from Fort Lauderdale.

Slipping into second place was the overall leader. Paul Cayard ing the pressure on Gunnar Krantz in Swedish Match. This was a must win leg for the Swedes if they were to have any chance of challenging Cayard for the top place on the final two legs. (Ide (op prace of the imag (WC) (egs. WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD (severth leg. 870 miles. Fort Laudardais to Baltimore): 1 Brunei Sunergy (Neth) # Henner 342 miles to finsh: 2 Ef Language (Swe) P Cayard 95 miles behind lauder: 3 Swedish Match (Swe) @ Krantz + 95: 4 Innovation Kraemer (Nor) K Frostad + 223; 5 Sik Cut (ISB) L Smith 227, 5 Merit Cup (Mon) @ Dalton + 270, 7 Chesse # Racing (US) @ Colins + 279, 8 Toshiba (US) D Conner + 287; 9 EF Education (Swe) C Guillou + 300.

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2.35: 1. THE GLOW-WORM (M Hills) 11-8 tay; 2. Achillies 2-1; 3. Dashing Chief 9-1 5 ran. 1/4, 6. (8 Hills, Lambourn) Tota: £240; £120; £140 Dual Forecast: £170. CSF: £397.
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27.30 : 1. DR BONES (P Carbotty) 9-2: 2. Get Real 6-4 tavourite: 3. Ashwell Boy 2-1 6 ran. 2. 10 (F Murphy). Tota: (5.80): (350, (150. Dual Forecast. £800. CSF:

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4.25: 1. KING OF THIEVES (D Galacher)
3-1; 2. Terdad 11-4 bar; 3. Glenugle 9-2. 7
ran. 6. 4. (C Mann). Tota: £2.80; £1.50. £1.90
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TOWCESTER 2.10: 1. GRATE BRITISH (Gery Lyons) 5-2 lav; 2. Westcoast 3-1; 3. Chief Preda-tor 7-2, 11 ran. 8.10 (J Allen) Tote: £300: £150, £130, £170 DF: £910 CSF: £1006 Tno:

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A gypsy fortune-teller claimed to sense evil in Revie's overcoat

IF THERE is one thing to be field selection or preferred strategy. learned from the fuss and commotion caused by the availability of a faith in alternative mental preparafaith healer to England's World tion reminded me of information that known as trainers. One I came Cup squad it is that Glenn Hoddle has no sharper eye for a trap than obvious that Brazil were not up to the were best relieved by sleeping with some of his predecessors.

On the basis that international football is not without psychologibenefit in counselling that falls out- again aware of disgruntlement) it side medical practice but Hoddle was said that his bedside reading inshould have known that its revela- cluded a book on the dark art of smart-arses in my profession.

World Cup coach to feel the heat of as proof of confusion. "Ours can be ridicule over something that does not a strange country," one of them said. by their piece of the action, so prerelate directly to performances on the "There are lots of superstitions."

the World Cup four years earlier.

As the pressure on Brazil's coach, Hoddle, of course, is not the first in attendance although some saw it

Time was when the treatment of This week's reaction to Hoddle's injuries in professional football was left to unqualified practitioners leaked out in 1974 when it became across believed that muscle strains brilliant standard attained in winning a nutmeg inside a red-spotted hankie placed beneath the pillow. The hands of another were so calloused cal cripples there may be some Mario Zagallo, mounted the is from working underground that a massage was never advisable.

More recently, a club doctor told me of a player whose imagined antion would make him a target for voodoo. This did not come as a shock kle injury was injected weekly with to the many Brazilian sportswriters sterilised water instead of pain killer. "It was all in the mind," he said.

Some footballers are so occupied occupied with themselves and their avoided defeat which, at the time.



fears that superstition often figures prominently in their thinking.

Managers can be equally afflicted by this phenomenon. As Leeds the same suit for as long the team

threadbare. On being told of an antion Wanderers' preparation for the quarters? coat. Told that the coat had to be lost, odds, Portsmouth won 4-1. not given away, Revie left it in a restaurant cloakroom.

You can go on and on like this and old footballers often do when that. The rituals of sequence that still fill many minds.

In any case, how does Hoddle's pare with the monkey gland injec-

Hoddle's argument that his critics should be more open-minded about Eileen Drewery's appointment was made known at a press conference. on to justify his methods.

One question that can be asked United manager, Don Revie wore appointment of a faith healer com- is did Hoddle enter into consultations that were apparently a much ing known an idea that was bound on every lip. Mumbo-jumbo.

meant he was likely to go about publicised feature of Wolverhamp- to bring down ridicule in some

· Not that he can rely on the cient curse on Elland Road he 1939 FA Cup final against Not that he can rely on the brought in a gypsy fortune-teller Portsmouth, whose manager, Jack Football Association for the best posfrom Blackpool who claimed to Tinn, sported lucky white spats. sible counsel It was against advice sense something evil in a brown pres-ence, specifically Revie's suede over-ence, specifically Revie's suede over-Park) prevailed. Against all the they were taking foodsouffs and a bus they were taking foodstuffs and a bus to the 1970 World Cup finals in If there is some justification for Mexico, causing a great deal of hostility among the locals.

From the euphoria of qualificafaith healing, he was guaranteed to tion for this summer's finals in they get together. Lucky this, lucky get a rough ride from the moment that France and the ridiculous extent of expectations. Hoddle is being called

Personally, I see nothing ludicrous in his recruitment of a faith tion with his employers before mak-healer. Trouble is that the words are

Wasps' revival stuns Newcastle

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

WASPS have spent virtually the whole season impersonating an underpowered, undershould leave the impressions to Rory Bremner, Lawrence Dallaglio's tarnished champions are a far better side than they Buster White's strong run in midhave contrived to make out field gave King the chance to run these last few months and at Loftus Road last night, they finally got real at the expense of Newcastle's Allied Dunbar Premiership ambitions.

Here, at long last, was the heavily stylised, high-speed game on which the Londoners built their title campaign last year. After the most miserable of winters, at the break - they would have they rediscovered themselves been even more comfortably off with a vengeance: Alex King's cerebral judgement of angles been disallowed for a forward restored his claims to an England outside-half berth while ma of their defeat at Saracens Lawrence Dallaglio brought his on Sunday, Newcastle could warrior spirit to bear as magnificently for his club as he does for fortunes. Like any title conhis country, his shuddering commitment carrying him into the furthest corners of the pitch.

sented Gary Armstrong with worked immediate wonders. unpalatable intimations of his

the right wing. Paul Sampson the national grid, so electric was his performance, and poor Graham Childs, the former Wasp filling in on the Newcastle left wing for the injured Tony Underwood, rarely came within

arm's length of his opponent. Sampson had already been at motivated rabble, but they the heart of two withering Wasps attacks when, in the 37th minute of a torrid first half, he laid the foundations for the opening try. damaging line and when Sampson came in off his right foot to break the Newcastle defence wide open. Laurence Scrase used his centre's hands to hold an awkward bouncing pass from Trevor Leota and slide in at the left corner.

That put Wasps 13-3 ahead had Nick Greenstock's try not pass - and following the trausense some serious slippage in tenders worth their salt, they reemerged roaring: Armstrong seemed to have discovered an-But, above all. Wasts pos- other gearbox, let alone an exsessed raw pace. They were tra gear, and the introduction quick at scrum-half, where of the heavy artillery in the for-Mike Friday constantly pre- midable shape of Peter Walton

The big Scottish flanker own mortality. More signifi- broke clear into the Wasps 22 cantly still, they were quick on barely 90 seconds into the sec-

ond half and Armstrong made must have plugged himself into the line to the left of the posts. Thirteen minutes later, the scrum-half was back over in precisely the same place after clean delivery from a hugely effective Newcastle line-out and some

passionate rucking and mauling. Territorially. Wasps were not in the ballpark. But they gradually worked themselves back into the fray, established a scrummaging platform five metres from the visitors' line and, at the third time of asking. earned Friday a killer pushover try in the 64th minute. Both Gareth Rees and Rob Andrew had kicking opportunities as the clock kicked down, Andrew two very reasonable opportunities between the 75th and 77th minutes, but the nerves dragged everything astray. The Premiership is still alive, and how.

The psychological wounds we've sustained over these last two very hard games will be far more difficult to heal than any physical injuries," said Steve Bates, the Newcastle coach. Would he be calling in Glenn Hoddle's faith healer before this Sunday's crucial home match with Bristol, then? "If we have anything, we have team spirit." he replied. "Our faith healing will come from within. We'll get there."

Rusedski and Agassi regret lost chances tually stunned the first 15 min- 🙃

Tennis

By John Roberts in Monte Carlo

THE expressions on the faces of Greg Rusedski and Andre Agassi were interchangeable yesterday, reflecting disappointment far deeper than is experienced by run-of-the-tour defeats. Both had reason to feel they had let themselves down, Rusedski for failing to capitalise. I felt like I really had a chance. on an opportunity to beat Boris. He came to the net a little bit Becker, Agassi for dragging his more as the match went on, but feet against his old rival Pete in my opinion, if he wants to Sampras.

at the Monte Carlo Open ex- way around it." posed the British No 1's limizero." Allowing for the exagtechnique.

Agassi's revival would have taken another leap had he defeated Sampras for a second own soaring standards. "Unclay-court match of the season,

As this suggests, it was not a vintage day's tennis on the world's most scenic centre court, but at least Rusedski and Agassi showed greater intent than the Spaniard Sergi Bruguera, twice a French Open champion, in the concluding set against Fabrice Santoro. The Frenchman, a 6-3, 6-0 winner. meets Sampras in the third round today.

Rusedski, the No 3 seed, lost a 4-1 lead in the opening set after startling Becker with his Photograph: Alisport choice of strategy. "I was ac-

utes that he stayed back and looped the ball," the German said. I was paralysed at the back and couldn't play. I really expected him to go in like [Jan] Siemerink did on Mouel Piero

Having recovered from his initial shock, Becker took a positive view. "When he decided to stay back, it gave me a new dimension towards the match. have a serious chance, he has to Although Rusedski's debut come in all the time. There's no

There is the voice of expetations on slow clay courts once rience. The 30-year-old Beckmore, Becker, who has never er has spent his career mastered the red stuff himself, endeavouring to win a tournawas there to be beaten. As ment on clay to add to his suc-Rusedski said after losing, 6-4, cesses on grass, concrete and 3-6, 6-3, "He had one break indoor carpets. Even so, Beckpoint in the third set, and he er made enough mistakes yesmade his one break point. I had terday for Rusedski to have 101 break points, and made made inroads into the tournament. Becker's lack of control geration (Rusedski had six with the smash cost him almost break points in the final set), the as many points as Rusedski's problem was not simply one of lack of faith in his top-spin backhand.

"I don't think it came down to my clay court tennis," Rusedski said. It came down to taktime in two months, but the Las ing my break points, being Vegan's confidence dipped on aggressive, taking a few risks. If a day when his opponent was lit- I would have taken a chance, if tle more than competent by his I would have rolled over a few backhands and he would have fortunately, I didn't make him come up with the shots, I would have to play better," Agassi said have said, too good, you deafter Sampras had won his first serve to win'. I didn't do the right things, and that's what's disappointing,"

Sampras, while delighted with his result and pleased with some spectacular shots after Agassi had allowed him back into the second set from 2-5, was not kidded by the overall performance. "It was a little bit awkward for Andre and I to play each other in the second round," he said. "I'm used to playing him later on in the tournament, where I'm playing a bit better. We were both a little bit nervous." The difference

was that Agassi let it show. Results, Digest, page 27

Exiles doused by Grayson

By David Llewellyn

Northampton London Irish

THE rains came too late to help London Irish. By the time Franklin's Gardens was awash and the Exiles were sploshing their way through the trenches. Northampton were far enough ahead in this Allied Dunbar Premiership game. And with games in hand they are still in wards especially Isaac Feaunati. contention for a top four placing to backs. They just did not and a stab at Europe.

The match was an odd mix. The first half more stop than go, the second was non-stop action. The early stuttering stuff was not helped by Northampton's acting er but they had to contend captain Paul Grayson, the premicr goal-kicker in the land, opting for kicks to touch following the numerous penalties for various Irish infringements.

After a string of catch and drive moves failed to produce anything much, Grayson finally got the message and reverted to type. up a more comfortable gap and

verted, naturally), but London Justin Fitzpatrick and hooker Tony Redmond ripping open the

Saints in sight, The Irish were certainly more willing to run the ball at every opportunity from forhave that many opportunities. Northampton's threequarters, which included Ireland centre Jonathan Bell back to full fitness again, looked slicker and sharpwith some fierce Irish tackling.

After the interval Saints went on a rumble following a line-out in enemy territory and suddenly flanker Budge Pountney exploded from a mass of bodies and touched down under the posts. Grayson's conversion opened To be fair Garry Pagel's open- the Irish revival, which had seen ing try, which wiped out Niall the league strugglers win four out

Woods early penalty for Irish, was of five since former England the result of a line-out close to coach Dick Best arrived as a conthe Exiles' line (Grayson con-sultant, was temporarily halted. There had been a fairly high

Irish had the right idea, properror count as it was, but when thunder and torrential rain arrived the mistakes increased. Northampton defence leading to But so did the excitement. The Nick Harvey's try to keep the atmosphere was electric and when, after 60 minutes, O'Shea was caught in possession by Andy Northey, the replacement centre for Matt Allen, the ball was hacked on twice by eager Saints players before Bell flung himself on to it over the line to give Saints the match.

Even so the Irish got in at the death and a sustained period of pressure was rewarded when O'Shea dived over for a converted try which gave the scoreline a little more respectability. Northempton: Tries Pagel, Pountney, Bell, Conversions Grayson 5. Penalties Grayson 4 London Irish: Tries Harvey, O'Shea: Conversion Woods; Penalties Woods 2

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Badminton preparations

on course

Equestrianism By Genevieve Murphy

IF THE Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trials had been taking place this week, instead of in a fortnight's time, they would have been cancelled.

"So far it's rained every day in April except for last Friday," Hugh Thomas, director of the event, said yesterday. "Parts of the course are not fit for horses to perform at this level, but I'm confident that it will be all right."

However, because it was too wet for articulated lorries to cross the park, special cranes have had to be hired to lift temporary buildings into place.

The course includes two new obstacles: The Little Badminton Drop involves jumping off a bank and keeping enough momentum to take a spread of three narrow brush fences and The Bank, which requires a bold jump on to a platform and over a tree-trunk on top of it.

Mary King will not make this year's event as her two horses, Star Appeal and King Solomon III, are injured.

Darkes' miss hands Bramley top spot darted over for a try, only for of players on loan from Leeds

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Rugby League By Dave Hadfield

Oldham

Greg Rusedski on his way to defeat by Boris Becker yesterday

AT THEIR own humble level. Bramley have started the season just as well as their landlords, Leeds, although a thirdwin in a row that sent them to the top of the Second Division was achieved only by virtue of a missed conversion in the last

Bramley, with players signed or borrowed from their parent club prominent, seemed to have the game won until the Oldham substitute, Darren Robinson. Brown-one of Bramley's dutch

Richard Darkes to miss the relatively comfortable kick.

A torrential downpour betions difficult at Headingley and both sides struggled to hold the ball. The closest approach to a try

when Bramley's David Gibbons used the saturated surface to his advantage, a low kick aquaplaning through for Dan Potter to nearly touch down.

The home side had an inviting opportunity to take the lead when Oldham's Mike Edwards was sent to the sin-bin for offside at a play-the-ball, but Gavin through a gap.

- missed a simple penalty. Seven minutes before half

time, Oldham's kicker, Neil fore the kick-off made coudi- Flanagan, did better after Anthony Gibbons, who today becomes the first player to face a charge of racial abuse, committed the lesser sin of poachin the opening stages came ing the ball from John Hough. Immediately before the hooter for the interval, Brown equalised with a penalty, after Anthony Gibbons had been tackled late.

The other twin, David, then set up the game's first try early in the second half, delaying his pass cleverly to send Potter

Oldham were denied their

reply when Afi Leuila was magnificently tackled into touch by Andy Poynter, but they got their reward through a slice of

luck, Flanagan's kick bouncing

conveniently for Chris Eckers-

ley to touch down.

Bramley's extra touch of class showed when the former Leeds stand-off, David Gibbons, began the move that ended with Marvin Golden capitalising when Sean Cooper fumbled a kick.

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Two Bobs' two bans total 10 games as players pay for violence

By Dave Hadfield

THE Keighley forward, Robert Roberts, who has now signed for Hunslet, heads the list of players suspended at a special disciplinary hearing devoted to the First Division match against Featherstone on Easter Monday

which erupted in violence. The player, known as "Two

- four matches for striking and Featherstone must serve a fivefighting and another six for the for which he was sent off.

Two other Keighley players were banned - Phil Stephenson for two matches for fighting and Davide Longo for one after leaving the sin-bin during one fracas - but Mark Campbell was found not guilty of fighting An-

match ban for "striking a viooffence of using the forearm, lent blow, while his team-mate, Gary Price, has been banned for three matches on two separate charges of fighting. Shaun Irwin and Carl Hall both received

off for a tackle on Robbie Mc-Cormack near the end of the

on Sunday, was cleared to play against Castleford this weekend. The disciplinary committee decided his tackle was careless rather_than reckless and fined him £300

By Chris Hewett to the rulebook. Southern the Tri-Nations matches. ANYONE who thinks the hemisphere referees, they be-Meanwhile, the Wallabies forthcoming Tri-Nations series lieve, are sacrificing important

Referees cross the divide for World Cup test

between South Africa. New Zealand and Australia will be petitive engagement - particnothing more than an grandiose version of the 15-a- the altar of try-laden "enterside basketball commonly tainment". known as Super 12 has got another think coming. Four of the six matches involving the acknowledged superpowers of world rugby will be controlled by British referees - a move that

World Cup. European players have long see how two Welshmen, Clayton claimed that two entirely dif-Thomas and Derek Bevan, the ferent games of rugby are now top English official, Ed Morriin progress, only one of them son, and Jim Fleming, the lead-

may well reflect top-level think-

paying even the scantest regard theatres of legitimate comularly in the tackle area - on

The Welsh were critical of Colin Hawke's refereeing in this season's Five Nations match with England, insisting that the New Zealander contributed handsomely to their opponents' 60-point victory with ing in advance of next year's his laissez faire attitude.

It will now be fascinating to

ing Scottish referee, approach have finally accepted the legitimacy of Scotland's under-

strength squad for their two-Test tour of Australia beginning next month. John O'Neill, the chief executive of the Australian Rugby Union, had questioned whether the Scots should bother going, given that Gary Armstrong, Alan Tait and some other senior players had opted out. But yesterday he agreed that Roh Wainwright's party possessed sufficient clout to make the trip worthwhile.

In Ireland, Pat Whelan resigned as national manager after two and a half years in the job, citing pressure of family and business commitments.



two-match bans for striking.

Halifax's Gary Mercer, sent Bobs", has been given two bans thony "Chico" Jackson of Blue Sox's 40-6 defeat at Wigan

Warrington's Brendon Tuuta, will face the reconvened disciplinary hearing today on a charge arising out of an incident in the Super League fixture at London Broncos on Sunday:

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England

'nternational football: Finland give Brown a headache while Argentina display their World Cup credentials

ackson saves face for Scots

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preparations for the group clear and was sufficiently comgames against Brazil, Norway and Morroco. ... The capital's first full in-

ternational in 60 years - and Hi-VEN weeks to the day before bernian's first since 1888 - did ey launch France 98 by taking not quite attract a capacity. crowd. Those who were afflictotland failed to overcome ed by World Cup fever on a oland, who did not qualify for cool, blustery evening saw Scotland kicking down the slope initially, although a 10th-minute The Scots' showing was, ad- breakthrough by Finland left.

them facing an uphill task. town, who saw Darren Jack- who plies his trade with Motherwell. His through ball dissected Matt Elliott and Colin w has only two more match-Hendry with ominous ease. against the United States and

Del Piero fee stuns United

Alan Nixon and Jon Culley

ANCHESTER UNITED ive swiftly aborted an ambious move for the world-class iventus striker, Alessandro

United's chief executive, quiry about the Italian inrnational, who is the leading over in the European Oup this ason. However, officials of the urin club promptly quoted a aggering £25m fee - and that before Del Piero's wage de-

Del Piero would only come England for around £5m a ear. Over a five-year contract, 1at adds a further £25m to the ports from his assessors. ill with no sell-on value at the nd A £50m investment in one rick Vieira has been charged player even one of the best in with misconduct by the FA afhe world, is too much for even ter an altercation with West

United's first summer signng is likely to be the PSV indhoven and Netherlands entre-back, Jaap Stant, Edcek to conclude long-running ransfer negotiations. "I am of even thinking about the posbility of going anywhere else. lanchester United are still the nly club I want to play for," tam said yesterday.

The West Bromwich Albion efender, Shane Nicholson, has dmitted being a frequent drugser - just months after conincing the Football Association nat he had only failed a drugs si hecause his drink had been niked.

Nicholson owned up to havig regularly taken amphetatine over the past few years hen he appeared at an FA hearig yesterday on a charge of mis- will make any significant contrionduct after avoiding a bution.

compulsory drugs test. His fate will be decided within the next three months after he has undergone a "compulsory period of rehabilitation and assessment," and he remains suspended from all football in the meantime.

However, the former Charltartin Edwards, has made an ton defender Jamie Stuart was given the go-shead to resume his career after having his suspension for failing a drugs test last year lifted by the FA. Since testing positive for cocaine and marijuana in a random check st Charlton's training ground last November, Stuart has taken part in a three-month drug rehabilitation programme and has received encouraging re-

The Arsenal midfielder Pat-Cup replay at Upton Park on 17 March. The Hammers are to appeal over the FA's decision to ban their striker John Hartson ands is set to speak to both dub. for one extra match for alno player before the end of the legedly making insulting comments to a referee, Paul Alcock, after being sent off at Bolton in February. Already banned for the last four matches of this season, Hartson is now due to miss

> the first game of next term. Buying and redeveloping Wembley for the nation will cost £320m - 33 per cent more than first estimated - and the FA will have to pay for the full additional outlay, it was revealed last night. The £80m extra the FA must find raises its total expected expenditure on the new national stadium to £200m. Neither the bankrupt British Athletics Federation nor the Rugby League, which will both use the stadium.

Colombia, in which to hone his. Rangers squad player, galloped posed to draw Jim Leighton from his line before scoring. Johansson came to Ibrox from Flora Tallion; the curse of Estonia again.

The Scots' deficit might have been doubled after Johansson again made Elliott appear ponderous before fleeing Sami Mahlio. The Finn's shot cleared the crossbar, and Scotland celebrated their reprieve in the

After Finland's defensive wall blocked John Collins' free kick, the ball was worked to Colin Calderwood wide on the right. His cross to the far post found the other wing-back, Christian Dailly, whose header was nudged on to the post by Scott Booth. The rebound fell obligingly for Jackson to equalise at point-blank range.

The Celtic striker's relief was understandable. Not only had he played an unwitting part in Scotland falling behind, but he had also squandered their only chance in the Danish defeat.

As a fringe contender for France, Jackson might have expected an extended run-out, especially as he is not playing regularly for his club. Instead, he was replaced for the second half by Brown's first choice attacker, Kevin Gallacher.

Richard Moller Nielsen, Finland's Danish coach, simultaneously withdrew his one world class performer, Jari Litmanen. Scotland duly stepped up the tempo, and a Booth drive was parried by Rangers' reserve keeper, Antti Niemi. Scot Gemmil's follow-up would have been better suited to Mur-

Scotland's vulnerability to the counter-attack persisted, however. In a move identical to the one which produced his golf, Johanson was again put the part of the last of the la

which the unmarked Hendry glanced wide. Collins assuming the creative mantle in the absence of Gary McAllister, became increasingly influential. Gallacher also demonstrated his value to the side with a shot that

curled tantalisingly wide from

Collins that resulted in a cross

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SCOTLAND (3-5-2): Leighton (Aberdeen); Efficit (Leicester, Hendry (Blacktonn), Whyte (Aberdeen); Calderwood (Totterham), Geraniff (Notingham Forsat), McCintey (Blacktourn), Collins (Monaco), Delily (Derby); Boath (Bonasia Dorfmund), Jackton (Cetic), Sobstitutes: Galizacher (Blacktourn) for Jackson. h-ti; Weit (Heart of Midcitrieri) for Ecott (h-ti): Donneidy (Cetic) to Boath 77; Lambert (Cetic) to Germill, 77; Durie (Fangers) for Calderwood, 71; Boyd (Celic) for Delly, 88.

FINLAND (3-4-1-2): Nieral (Rangers); Tuonsein (Iromso), Yionen (Hala), Hyyptin (Wilsen i Tiburg); Reini (VPS), Mahilio (lalyfe), Valatiant (Motherweit), Koaldnen (Miden B): Librasiner (Ajax); Johannsson (Fangers) Sumisia: (Twarte Enschede). Substitute: Kolkida (Wilsen B) for Einzened. h-t. Pastelsinian (Wolverhampton) for Johannsson, 59; Klimtunsen (VPS) for tuornela, 64. long range.

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Scotland's Christian Dailly (right) outpaces Sami Mahlio, of Finland, at Easter Road last night

Irish bow to Ortega's class

at Lansdowne Road

SUGGESTIONS that Argentina are a declining force should be treated with care. Last night they easily brushed aside the Republic of Ireland here and, although friendlies can be misleading, they looked capable of inflicting serious damage in the World Cup. Not least on England, who

could face them in the second round in France, and on the evidence of this match, Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, should be extremely wary. Gabriel Batistuta scored for the 37th time for his county while Ariel Ortega got the sort strode forward, so the end re- build-up to the World Cup. of goal that ought to belong in sult was disappointing. A shot Juan Veron found Ortega, who with a finking run by John one will relish meeting either. dropped to his left to save.

Anticipation always precedes Argentina. Enticingly skilful, occasionally cynically violent, they have attracted and

friendly in Dublin since the illfated match against England a goal by Argentina after 26 three years ago, although it is o a measure of Irish decline that the World Cup finalists of 1990 and 1994 have been reduced to a practice match against oppo-

sition en route to France 98. Nine of Daniel Passarella's starting line-up were based in Europe, including Batistuta, who has been the subject of interest for several English clubs. including Manchester United and Liverpool, It did not take lung to see why.

A tail, but mobile and elegant looking striker, he had the first real chance after 11 minutes, dispossessing Gary Breen to put himself beyond the Irish back four. The Fiorentina forward oozed menace as he the realms of the impossible. No too close to Shay Given, who

The Irish retort came almost immediately, Robbie Keane forcing German Burgos to dive to his right to tip a half-volley chipped over Given and Breen repulsed in recent World Cups. round the post. But if the home This was the most prestigious team gained confidence from

that, it dissipated quickly with the flow by bringing on Denis Ortega has been described as

the new Diego Maradona. which is a heavy weight to carry no matter how gifted you are. However, the Valencia player made light of a glorious pass to the left to his club-mate. Claudio Lopez, whose cross found Batistuta at the near post, After his earlier miss you would have expected him to be anxious to make amends, but with splendid aplomb he flicked a shot to the other side of the goal, comprehensively beating Given.

If that goal was memorable. the next was gloriously spectacular and you can guarantee it is going to be shown dozens of times on television in the seemed to have squandered the opportunity as he dallied over what to do with it. No matter, as the Irish filled the breach in their defence he suddenly into the top corner of the net.

Irwin, Phil Babb and Alan Kelly at half time, but the pattern remained the same, the green shirts providing the running and tackling, the blue and white ones occasional flashes of ex-

traordinary skill. Seven minutes after the restart, Sergio Berti provided a pass that landed perfectly for Batistuta on the right of the area. Sadly, he blazed behind Alan Kelly's goal. The Irish could almost scored after 63 minutes, albeit

Kelly crossed from the right and Niall Quinn headed powerfully past Burgos only for the ball to bounce against the bar.
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hope is far from happy Snooker

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN was not a satisfied man after his unimpressive but successful first-round display at the Embassy World Championship in Sheffield yesterday.

A subdued O'Sullivan barely engaged top gear to complete a workmanlike 10-5 victory over Northern Ireland's Joe Swail.

After setting up a last-16 meeting against Scotland's Alan McManus, O'Sullivan suid: "My cousin has more chance of winning the women's tournament than I do of winning the men's'

The 16-year-old Maria Catalane, from the West Midlands the second member of the O'Sullivan clan involved at Sheffield this week - is through to the last 32 of the Embassy Ladies' Championship, in which the final takes place at the Crucible Theatre on Sunday.

-People have spoken of the pressure at the first round, added O'Sullivan, the world No 7, concentrating once more on his own challenge, "but I didn't feel a thing. I'd love to win the event because it's the biggest tournament to win. But I'm just treating it as though it was any other championship.

"Twe certainly got to improve if I want to get any further. If I play well I'll beat anyone. If I play badly I'll lose to the world No 201. It's as simple as that."

O'Sullivan resumed vesterday leading Swail 6-3. He was 8-3 in front before Swail added back-to-back breaks of 57 and 64 to recover to 8-5. But the Englishman was never in danger of losing - he added runs of 51 and 55, taking his half-century tally to 10, to close out the match. "My form in practice has been terrible, and that was even worse," added a self-critical O'Sullivan, "If Joe had been on his game, I could easily have been out."

Earlier, Darren Morgan thanked the veteran Terry Griffiths for saving his ailing career after he, too, reached the last 16. The Welshman's 10-8 success over another Ulsterman, Jason Prince, was only his fifth win of the season.

It could have been his lastever match had his compatriot 👢 Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, not offered to help solve his crisis of confidence. Morgan reached his low point . after losing in the Welsh Open at Newport in January. He threatened to retire if he were to drop out of the top 32 at the end of the season.

of help five or six years ago."

Denmark sunk by Premiership pair

THE Liverpool midfielder Oyvind Leonbardsen and the Chelsea striker Tore Andre Flo earned Norway a 2-0 away win over their rivals and fellow World Cup finalists, Denmark. in Copenhagen last night.

Leonhardsen opened the scoring in the 26th minute when he escaped the Danish defence and shot past goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, who was replaced at half-time. Then the unmarked Flo found the net in the 58th minute with an accurate header from a corner.

game, but missed three good now we have our feet back on opportunities, the best coming in the second half, when Ebbe Sand fired inches past the post.

The Danes were also denied by fine performances from Norway's goalkeepers - Tottenham's Frode Grodas and Everton's Thomas Myhre, who came on in the 60th minute.

"We may have lost, but it has done us good," said Rangers' Danish forward, Brian Laudrup afterwards. "If we had won, our supporters might think we way through the first half.

Denmark dominated the should win the World Cup. But the ground." Romania, reduced to 10

The Irish attempted to stem

men shortly after half-time when their defender Anton Dobos was sent off, held fellow World Cup finalists Belgium to a 1-1 draw in Brussels in a match that was friendly only in name. Five other Romanian play-

ers and one Belgian were booked, with three of the visitors picking up yellow cards in the space of three minutes half-

Romania, who face England in the first round in France, took the lead just before the break when Viorel Moldovan, the Coventry City striker, slipped the ball inside the far post after his captain, Gheorghe Hagi, had crossed from the left.

PSV Eindhoven's Luc Nilis levelled in the 77th minute with a crisp low shot and Romania were lucky to escape defeat when their goalkeeper. Bogdan Stelea, knocked away a close-range effort from Luc Verheven three minutes later.

"The only person more nervous than me today was Terry." said Morgan, who began the season ranked 15th but slumped : to 25th after the British Open. "He's been as good as gold and gone out of his way to make time for me. I entrusted him with everything, and my only regret is I didn't take up his offer

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Sporting Digest **Ballesteros**

trio takes to field in Spain Golf

SEVE BALLESTEROS will be particularly interested in the progress of one player when the Spanish Open starts in Barcelona today - his 17-yearold nephew, Raul.

A year after acting as caddie for his uncle in the event, the former Spanish boys' champion makes his first appearance on the European Tour at El Prat.

His appearance comes 24 years after Ballesteros' own Tour debut, on his 17th birthday, which ended with a round of 89 in qualifying for the Portuguese Open. "He's a great player, but it's too early to predict how good he will be," Seve said of his nephew.

Rauf is one of six Spanish amateurs invited to take part in the tournament, which sees three Ballesteroses take the field, as Seve's older brother, Manuel, an ex-Tour regular, also plays.

Mark James, who beat Greg Norman in a play-off in Madrid last year, defend his title against a high-quality field including Ryder Cup sexiet Ian Woosnam, Jose Maria Olazabal, Costantino Rocca, Bernhard Langer, Ignacio Garrido and Thomas Bjorn.

Reggie White the Green Bay Packers' defensive end yesterday rescinded his celerate and year lay resoluted in a more reformant, saying he will play one more year, apparently after his chronic back problems showed signs of easing. White is the NFLs all-time sacks leader with 176 in 200 games.

Stave Cram, the former world record-holder at 1500m, one mile and 2,000m, competes in his first London Marathon on Sunday. The 37-year-old athlete-turned-commentator will provide a se-ries of live reports for Eurosport through the 26 miles.

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Drugs in sport

Marijuana is certain to be added to the international Olympic Committee's list of banned drugs in time for the Sydney 2000 Games, a leading IOC official said yesterday. Executive board member Jacques Rogge said the IOC wanted to cuttaw recreational drugs to avoid a repeat of the case at this year's Winter Olympics when a Canadian snowboarderwas allowed to nadian snowboarderwas allowed to keep his gold medal despite testing positive for cannabis. Football

John Polston, Norwich's former Tot-John Moiston, Norwich's former for-tentiam defender, will be given a free transfer at the end of the season af-ter eight years with the club. Mel Machin, the former Manchester City manager, has been awarded a new three-year contract by Bourne-mouth after the clubs Auto Whot-scheene Shield find indeet by Grimsby mouth after the club's Auto Wind-screens Shield final deleat by Grimsby at Wembley last Sunday

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Greg Norman will miss the next three major championships and the rest of the US PGA Tour season after having anthroscopic surgery yesterday on his left shoulder. ice hockey WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Ljubljene, Sloven): Slovena 3 Ultrame 4; Poland 3 British 4 (Akorti, Adex 3, Estonia 3 Denmark 3, Norway 4 Nether-lands 1 Leading positiones: 1 Ultraine (P. S. Pis 10; 2 Slovena 6-8): 3 Estonia (5-7): 5 Britain

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TODAY'S NUMBER

players are hoping for a 21st consecutive title when the European Team Championships begin in Helsinki today. England comprising Sue Wright, Cassie Jackman, Linda Charman and Jane Martin - have been drawn in Pool A for the qualifying round. alongside Scotland, France and Sweden

England's women squash

Shearer tears open Portugal's gifts

By Glenn Moore at Wemble,

England Portugal

EILEEN DREWERY can expect a rush of international managers at her door this moming after Glenn Hoddle's England gained a bizarrely comfortable win at Wembley last night.

Outplayed in midfield for much of the game by the technically gifted Portuguese. England secured their biggest win over serious opposition under Hoddle through the critical strengths of excellent finishing and fine goalkeeping.

Alan Shearer scored twice and Teddy Sheringham once as England showed an attacking edge that, if repeated in June. could take them a long way.

With Portugal fielding eight of the squad that made the quarter-finals of Euro '06 and England, (who had seven Euro) 46 veterans) playing almost a first-choice team, the match had more credibility than most friendlies.

The only leading player missing for England was Paul Gascoigne whose injuries, as expected, had defied both mainstream and alternative medical cures. Paul Scholes was handed the often onerous responsibility of filling his role behind the familiar front pairing of Sheringham and Shearer.

The England SAS, as opposed to the former Blackburn one (Sutton and Shearer) which is unlikely to be seen at this level, was quickly into action with Sheringham heading over from Shearer's cross in the second minute. Two minutes later they traded places and England were ahead. Sheringham received a throw-in from Graeme Le Saux on the left and laid it back off to Le Saux, whose cross was deftly headed in by Shearer. It was a clinical finish even if Shearer's task was made easier by neither Manuel Dimas or Roberto Beto making a chal-

Wembley, which had earlier accorded the late Lord Howell anyone who was both a referee and politician is ever likely to get, cheered England's goal new World Cup song.

position of applauding the op- were here to make a game of it. position after an audacious move almost brought Portugal played a quick one-two with



England's Teddy Sheringham (left) contests possession with Paulo Sousa, of Portugal, during last night's international at Wembley

as Ian Wright's standing ovation as good a minute's silence as in the Royal Box illustrated, it

Cadete had already gone close and, as Jose Calado testwith considerably more enthu- ed Seaman and Tony Adams siasm than they had greeted the was forced to make a last-ditch clearance from João Pinto, it be-Six minutes later, however, came evident that Portugal, they were forced into the rare—like Chile two months ago,

The visitors went on to dominate the half with Seaman havlevel. Luis Figo, of Barcelona. ing to deal with a number of 20-yard shots and several quick Jorge Cadete, the former Celtic interchanges were only halted hero, then dinkily chipped at the edge of the box. So David Seaman from 15 yards. pressed back were England The ball just drifted wide but. that 3-5-2 quickly became 4-4-2

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derly? It does for several

husy Figo.

The one benefit of Portugal's loose ball in the box. control of possession was that England could show what a they are. After 26 minutes Shearer rolled a pass into the path of Le Saux, whose shot was turned away for a corner by Victor Baia. The Barcelona reserve goalkeeper was stretched again 11 minutes later as Shearer and Sheringham set up David Beckham, whose left-foot shot

was tipped over the bar. Paul Ince had a weaker shot saved but it was Seaman who ended the half busier, making

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with Le Saux occupied by the a sharp save low to his left after João Pinto had seized on a

half-time England brought on Paul Merson for good counter-attacking team Beckham - maybe he had a date to see his fiancée, Victoria, playing with the Spice Girls in the adjacent Wembley Arena. Before he had a chance to make an impact Manuel Diaz missing. Vega, the referee, made an unexpected intervention on England's behalf. Less than a minute had gone when an attempted through ball by Ince took a large deflection off the Spaniard and fell for Shering-

ham. His finish was pitiless.

Campbell made a good challenge on João Pinto as Portugal continued to struggle to find a finish to match their approach play. Cadetc, the most Beto's clearance, racing clear direct of their clever forwards, and shooting into the side netforced a near post save from ting. He could easily have scored Seaman just after the hour but.

after 65 minutes, Shearer

showed them what they were

Another quick break found Batty, who had earlier been booked, bursting through the inside-left channel. His first time pass found Shearer unmarked in the centre and, from 20.

brought on Owen to a rousing from Fernando Couto, twice, cheer and he nearly scored and Oceano as England ended within seconds, closing down with a clean sheet and their first when released by Shearer a few minutes later but the referee mexplicably stopped play to dismiss Capucho rather than wait for a break. As Portugal's discipline went Owen should have

had a penalty went brought down by Vitor Baia, but the referee not only denied that but yards, he thrashed the ball past ed goal by Adams for pushing.

also harshly disallowed a head-Seaman also proved his

Photograph: Justin Herbert/Allsport With 13 minutes left Hoddle worth with more fine saves

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victory

ior Dimes, 53; Capacho (Porto) for Oceano (Sporting Lisbon) for Paulo Referee: M Diez Vega (Spair).

More international football. Results, page 27



Captain points way to success in France

By Clive White

FOR a couple of moments last night it was like the good old summer.

In the early stages of last

second international start in 10 months following those debilitating pre-season injuries. It took him only four minutes to register his 17th goal for his country in 38 appearances - a strike rate of which any forward in the world would be proud - even if the Portuguese marking left something to be

by Teddy Sheringham, Shearer's He has not scored many goals goal demonstrated to his fellow striker the standards which are required at the highest level. Full fitness and razor sharpness still elude him, which

perhaps is only to be expected given the length of his inactivity. It was noticeable in a recent League game against gated the move, Barnsley that on one occasion he did not even possess the necessary puff to keep up with Temur Ketsbaia in an obvious breakaway chance. Fifty-four days ought to be enough to blow away the remaining cobwebs before he gets down to the real business.

The problem yesterday, his occasional assistance from Le Saux apart, was a lack of support and service rather than too much of it. How he must have missed the penetration of Paul Gascoigne's passing. England's midfield in the first half was a curious no-man's land devoid of both creativity and defensive excellence.

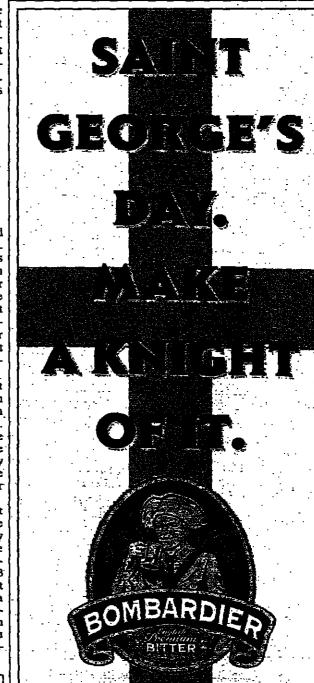
It was a scoreline that defied

Coming only a couple of ond goal. But Shearer's personal minutes after an abject header second was truly a joy to behold. from open play this season - in fact just one - and the manner in which he volleyed home David Batty's lob pass was just like the Shearer of old, meatily struck and a certain winner from the moment it left his right foot. Naturally, Le Saux insti-

> One could only surmise what the outcome might have been had Portugal been blessed with a Shearer in their front line. Gienn Hoddle, though, despite his faith in Sheringham's innate international qualities, may have to think again about the ideal foil for England's star forward for France 98.

There was little doubt about where the sympathy of the Wembley crowd lay, judging by the noisy reception they gave Michael Owen when he replaced Sheringham with 13 minutes remaining. It did not take the Liverpool youngster a moment to underline his international credentials when he made a thrilling run which was lacking only in the final ex-

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days at Ewood Park as Alan Shearer and Graeme Le Saux combined to devastating effect. England will need to revive all that team work - and some more - if they are to enjoy success in the World Cup finals this

night's match at Wembley the only moment which brought lan Wright jumping to his feet in the VIP box in enthusiastic appreciation was a non-scoring move by Portugal rather than anything the Blackburn old boys could produce: a delectable 1-2 after 11 minutes involving Figo and Jorge Cadete. Shearer was making only his

explanation even before Sheringham added a fortuitous sec-

para setb

of too soon

CHARLES WELLS FAMILY BREWERY, BEDFORD, EST. 1876 **BREWING FOR ENGLAND**

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10 Graduate after drink and

some dancing? (5)
11 Alien thing, real – but not a creature from outer space!

13 Opera extracts from

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12 Damage horse, cutting tail (3)

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